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1998-99

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- Aspen Mountain Air
  800-877-3932
- Big Sky Airlines
  800-237-7788
- Delta/Delta Connection
  800-221-1212
- Horizon Air
  800-547-9308
- Northwest Airlines
  800-225-2525
- Skywest
  800-453-9417
- United Airlines
  800-241-6522

SOME CALL MONTANA HEAVEN. MAYBE

BECAUSE WE'RE COVERED IN WHITE.

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Pine trees look as though they've been dusted with powdered sugar. Gorgeous mountain landscapes sparkle in the sunlight. And although there's a nip in the air, you won't find a warmer welcome anywhere. Except maybe in heaven.

Start with some wildlife watching. On unfrozen lakes and rivers, look for ducks, Canada geese, swans and bald eagles. On land, you can spot deer, elk, bighorn sheep and other creatures. But please don't approach them. Wildlife need to store their reserves for the winter months.

Why limit the fun to downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling? Skate on an outdoor rink. Check out local events such as winter carnivals, ski joring, sleigh rides and dog sled races. Or, explore our museums, galleries, resorts, restaurants, shopping centers and more—all ready for your stay.

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DOWNHILL DATA

On Montana's downhill ski slopes, you'll be treated to plenty of snow, plenty of trails, plenty of space ... plenty of everything. We're the nation's fourth-largest state, so we have lots of room for all that snow and terrain. In fact, if you decided to ski all of Montana's downhill ski areas, you would end up with a lot of ground to cover:

- 14,000+ acres of skiing. That's more area than 10,000 football fields.
- 548 runs. If you tried one run each day, it would take more than 1 1/2 years of non-stop skiing to finish.
- 65 lifts. That's enough to move 72,000 people an hour. At that rate, it would take only about 13 hours to give the entire population of Montana a chairlift ride.

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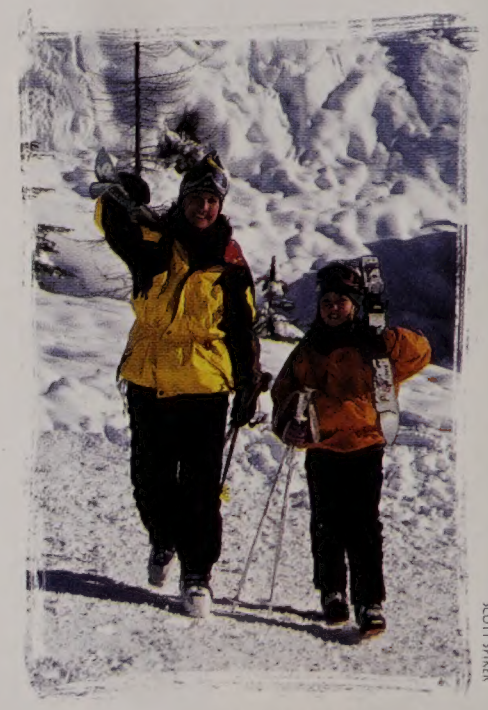
DOWNHILL SKIING. JUST YOU AND A FEW BILLION FLAKES.

With 15 downhill ski areas, we're certain to have something that's right for you, from destination resorts to day-use areas. Maybe you'd even like to go to school; our downhill areas offer lessons for first-timers and old pros alike. Plus, snowboarders and telemark skiers are welcome at every Montana ski area (we're like one big family here). But of course, you can't spend all of your time on the mountains. Eat, drink and be merry in one of our fun-filled ski towns. Go for a horse-drawn sleigh ride on your way to an elegant dinner. Or, just melt into a comfy couch and sip cocoa.



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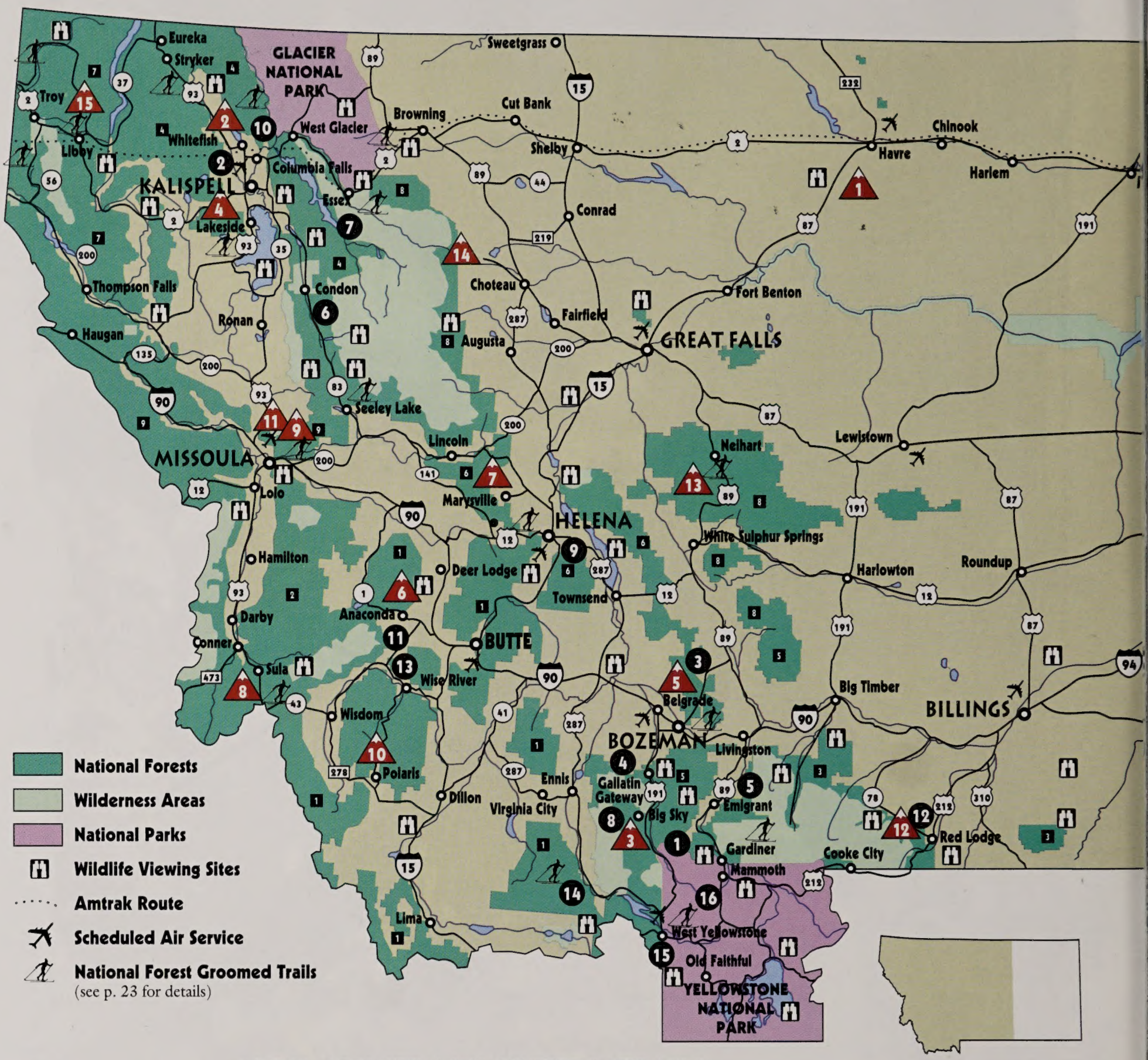
DOWNHILL AREAS & GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY AREAS



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1. Beaverhead-Deerlodge N.F.
2. Bitterroot N.F.
3. Custer N.F.
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QUICK REFERENCE CHART

	AVG. SNOWFALL (IN.)	VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS*	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN RATES**	SNOWBOARDING	
1 **Bear Paw Ski Bowl** Havre 406-265-8404	140	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D	11	25	25	50	$15	8 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area 29 miles S of Havre, along Amtrak route on Rocky Boy Indian Reservation; full services in Havre.
2 **The Big Mountain** Whitefish 406-862-1900 Fax 406-862-2955	330+	2,500	4,500	7,000	15,472	1Q 2DQ 1D 4T 2S	67	25	50	25	$40	$27 6 & under free	Yes	Full-service destination resort in NW Montana, on Amtrak route & served by Delta, Northwest & Horizon airlines; near Glacier National Park.
3 **Big Sky** Big Sky 800-548-4486 Fax 406-995-5001	400	4,180	6,970	11,150	18,000	1TR 1Q 3T 3DQ 3D 1G 3S	75	10	47	43	$48	$40 10 & under free†	Yes	Full-service destination & conference resort between Bozeman & Yellowstone National Park; open summer & winter.
4 **Blacktail Mountain** Lakeside 406-844-0999	250	1,440	5,236	6,676	3,900	2D 1T 2S	24	15	70	15	$24	$15 7 & under free	Yes	Day-use area 14 mi. W of Lakeside; open Wed.–Sun. 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.. Open holidays. Lodge w/ restaurant, lounge, cafeteria. Rentals, ski school, day care.
5 **Bridger Bowl** Bozeman 800-223-9609 Fax 406-586-1518	350	2,000	6,100	8,100	7,300	1Q 5D 1S	60	25	35	40	$30	$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Destination area with plenty of skiing & full services in the nearby university town of Bozeman; close to Yellowstone National Park.
6 **Discovery Basin** Anaconda 406-563-2184 Fax 406-563-7036	200	1,300	6,850	8,150	4,300	1T 3D	40	33	33	33	$22	$11 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area near Anaconda; cafeteria, lounge, sales & rentals & cross-country trails; Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 30 miles east; steepest lift-served terrain.
7 **Great Divide** Marysville 406-449-3746 Fax 406-443-0540	150	1,330	5,900	7,230	2,300	3D	60+	15	35	50	$20	$10 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area 20 mi. NW of Helena; cafeteria, bar, restaurant, night skiing, snowmaking. Open bowl, trail and tree skiing on 700+ acres; full accommodations in Helena.
8 **Lost Trail Powder Mtn.** Conner 406-821-3211 Fax 406-821-3508	300	1,200	6,600	7,800	1,925	3D 2S	18	20	60	20	$18	$9 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area S of Missoula on the Montana-Idaho border; lodging nearby; 9 miles to Camp Creek Inn.
9 **Marshall Mountain** Missoula 406-258-6000 Fax 406-258-2900	150	1,500	3,900	5,400	3,000	1T 2S	22	15	65	20	$19	5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area outside of Missoula; lessons, rentals, snack bar, pub, night skiing; full services in Missoula.
10 **Maverick Mountain** Dillon 406-834-3454 Fax 406-834-3540	180	2,120	6,500	8,620	700	1D 1S	18	20	40	40	$19	$12 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area W of Dillon; open Thurs.–Sun.; half-price lift tickets Thurs. & Fri.; nursery available/reservations required.
11 **Montana Snowbowl** Missoula 406-549-9777 Fax 406-327-8614	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	37	20	40	40	$27	$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Regional destination area outside of Missoula; vertical drop attracts extreme skiers but there's plenty of variety for other skill levels.
12 **Red Lodge Mountain** Red Lodge 406-446-2610 Fax 406-446-3604	250	2,400	7,016	9,416	10,690	2DQ 4D 1T 1S	70	15	55	30	$33	$12	Yes	Destination area with expanded skiing, family fun & full services in the fun-loving, western town of Red Lodge.
13 **Showdown Ski Area** Neihart 406-236-5522 Fax 406-236-5523	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 1D 2S	34	30	40	30	$25	$13 5 & under free	Yes	Day-use area S of Great Falls; expanded lodge; kids programs & day care; rentals include skis, snowboards, snowblades, snowrunners & snowbikes.
14 **Teton Pass** Choteau 406-799-6833 406-278-9193, 278-7855	300	1,100	6,100	7,200	800	1D 1S	30	20	50	30	$22	$15 5 & under free	Yes	Day-use area on Rocky Mountain Front; rentals, lessons, lounge & concessions; services in Choteau; open Thurs.–Sun. 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. and holidays.
15 **Turner Mountain** Libby 406-293-4317	200	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1S	26	5	20	75	$17	$14 6 & under free	Yes	Day-use area 22 miles N of Libby in Montana's northwest corner; warming hut & snack bar; services in Libby; rentals; open weekends & holidays only.

Lifts: * TR—tram, DQ—high-speed detachable quad chair, Q—high-speed quad chair, G—high-speed detachable gondola, T—triple, D—double, S—surface **Rates subject to change †with paying adult

The D.R.E.A.M. Disabled Ski Program on The Big Mountain. Adaptive ski program for individuals with disabilities. Individualized one-on-one ski instruction, free use of adaptive ski equipment and lessons by appointment. 406-862-1998 or 406-758-5411. Runs 12/1–3/31.

Eagle Ski Montana—A similar adaptive ski program for people with special needs, offered at Bridger Bowl, Red Lodge Mountain and Showdown. Both downhill and cross-country skiing are taught on a one-on-one basis. Bridger Bowl: 406-586-1781; Red Lodge: 406-245-5422; Showdown: 406-454-1449.

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THE BIG MOUNTAIN
SKI AND SUMMER RESORT

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Web: www.bigmtn.com

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This season, the new luxurious Kintla Lodge will open at the base of The Big Mountain, adding new retail shops as well as ski in/ski out condominium units. In celebration of its 50th anniversary last season, The Big Mountain added a high-speed quad to the North side as well as the new Hellroaring lift, which accesses an additional 500 acres of skiing in Hellroaring Basin.

Base Elevation 4,500 ft.
Top Elevation 7,000 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,500 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.

Lift Capacity 15,472 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 330+ in.

LOCATION
8 miles N of Whitefish, 23 miles N of Kalispell, in northwest Montana.

GETTING HERE
Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west. Delta, Northwest and Horizon Air to Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell. Transfers from airport and train depot available with confirmed reservations. Rental cars and taxis available.

SEASON
November 26, 1998–April 11, 1999.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Night skiing mid-December–March, Wednesday–Saturday, 4–9 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES
67 marked runs. 3,500 acres on the Flathead National Forest. 25% beginner, 50% intermediate, 25% advanced.

LIFTS
Quads .....2 detachable, 1 fixed grip
Chairs.....4 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

RATES
Adult.....$40
Junior 7–18..... $27
Senior 62+ $27
Child 6 & under..... Free
Night skiing $12
Lower Lift Ticket (Chairs 2 and 3): .....,$23
10 Run Punch Card.....$30
15 Run Punch Card.....$40
Multi-day, group rates available

RENTALS & SALES
Adult package starts at.....$15/day
High performance equipment, snowboards, cross-country equipment available. Ski shops on the mountain offer clothing and equipment.

INSTRUCTION
Group .....$23/2 hrs.
Private .....$55/hr.
Adult first-timer $23/half-day lesson & lift. Skill-builder, snowboard, telemark & cross-country lessons. Specialty clinics include Women's Week, snowboard camp.

FOOD & DRINK
Several restaurants and saloons on the mountain. Summit House features views of Glacier Park.

LODGING
Ski-in/ski-out lodging for up to 1,500 guests at 6 properties on the mountain. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 49.

CROSS-COUNTRY
10 km of groomed trails on the mountain, adjacent to Outpost Lodge. Rentals available.

SNOW CAT SKIING
Guided Cat skiing trips offered to some of the best powder in the Rockies. Four hours of heavenly powder skiing are just $40 per person with your day lift ticket. "Biggest powder bargain," *Skiing Magazine*, Sept. 1996.

JUST FOR KIDS
Day care, kids' ski school and free skiing for children under 6. Children 12 & under stay free in all on-mountain lodging properties.

EVENTS
Doug Smith Western Region Downhill Series; Whitefish Winter Carnival; Winter Microbrew Festival and Grape Expectations Wine & Food Festival; clydesdale-drawn sleigh rides, sleigh ride dinners; furniture races; blade running; snowtubing; snowmobiling, snowshoeing; cross-country skiing; other special programs.

PACKAGES
Three day/three night packages start at $165 per person, double occupancy.

LOCATION
US 191, 43 miles S of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon Air, Skywest, Aspen Mountain Air or Northwest to Bozeman. Shuttles meet most major flights. Rental cars and taxis available.

SEASON
Mid-November to mid-April.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES
75 trails on 2 mountains. 3,500+ acres on private land. 10% beginner, 47% intermediate, 43% expert. Snowmaking on 10% of terrain.

LIFTS
Trams.....1
High-Speed Quads.....3
Gondolas.....1
Chairs.....3 double, 3 triple, 1 quad
Surface.....3

RATES
Adult.....$48
Youth 11–17.....$40
Child 10 & under (2 per paying adult).....Free

RENTALS & SALES*
Adult.....$24/day
Child.....$17/day
3 shops on the mountain.
Snowboarding equipment available.

PACKAGES
Super Saver and Great Ski Weeks Specials: 4 nights in the Huntley Lodge and 3 days of skiing start at just $213 per person during Super Saver Weeks and $287 during Great Ski Weeks, double occupancy. Includes breakfast & special programs. Super Saver Weeks valid Nov. 25 through Dec. 11, 1998. Great Ski Weeks valid Dec. 12 through Dec. 24, 1998 and March 27 through April 11, 1999.

INSTRUCTION
Downhill, snowboard, advanced/extreme
Group lessons.....$31/half-day
Beginner package.....$46
(rental, lesson, rope tow)

FOOD & DRINK
15 restaurants.
11 night spots.
Gourmet sleigh ride dinners.
Dancing, ski movies and gaming.

LODGING
Full accommodations on the mountain.
More than 1,000 rooms and condominium units.
Conference center, shops, pools, spas.
Regular shuttles connect lodging and ski areas.
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 49.

CROSS-COUNTRY
Lone Mountain Ranch, world-class Nordic resort.
Daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park for cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing.

JUST FOR KIDS*
Children's Ski Day Camp combines activities, meals and skill improvement (ages 4–14) $63/day; Ski Mini-Camp (ages 4–6) $80/day.

EVENTS
Torchlight parades on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve; Easter sunrise service; Molson Golden Day; Thrash-n-Bash Cross Games; medical seminars; ski club groups; USSA races throughout season.

*Rates subject to change.

BIG SKY
SKI AND SUMMER RESORT

P.O. Box 160001, Big Sky, MT 59716
Reservations: 800-548-4486 or 406-995-5000
Snow Conditions: 406-995-5900
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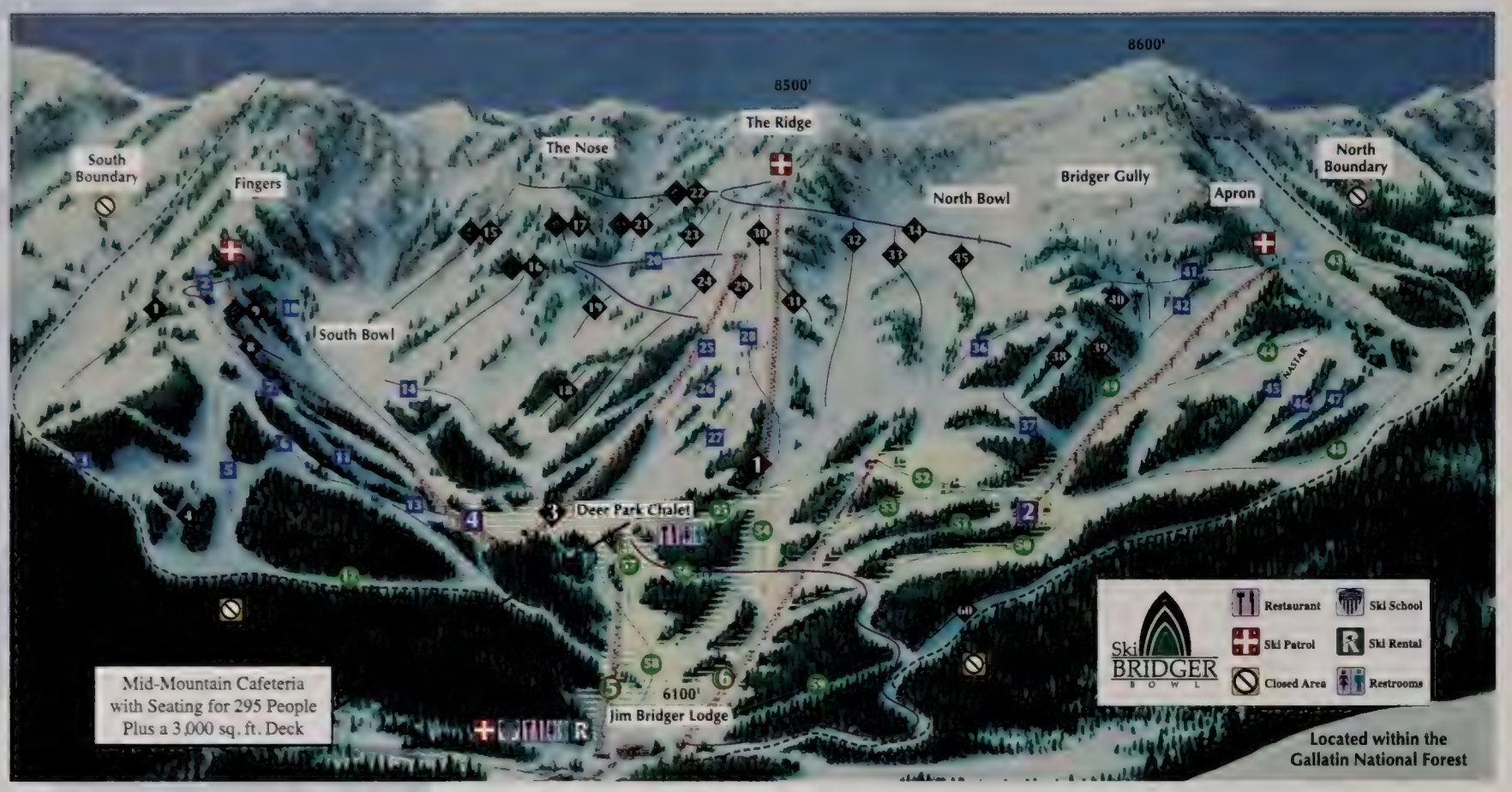
BIG SKY SKI & SUMMER RESORT

With 3,500 acres of exceptional terrain, 400" of annual snowfall and a high-tech, high-volume lift system, Big Sky offers its visitors an unparalleled ski experience. Add ski-in/ski-out accommodations and the nation's first national park as its next door neighbor, and you have the ingredients for a world-class vacation right here in southwest Montana.

Base Elevation 6,970 ft.
Top Elevation 11,150 ft.
Vertical Drop 4,180 ft.
Longest Run 6 mi.
Lift Capacity 18,000 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 400 in.



BRIDGER BOWL

15795 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715
Reservations: 800-223-9609 or 406-586-1518
Fax: 406-586-1518 Snow Phone: 406-586-2389
E-mail: skitrip@bridgerbowl.com
Web: www.bridgerbowl.com

Explore a big mountain with short lift lines, long runs and big bowls. This nonprofit ski area is ranked consistently as one of the top values in the nation.

Base Elevation 6,100 ft.	Lift Capacity 7,300 skiers/hr.
Top Elevation 8,100 ft.	Average Annual Snowfall 350 in.
Vertical Drop 2,000 ft.	
Longest Run 2.5 mi.	

LOCATION
16 miles NW of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE
Airport only 30 minutes away. Aspen Mountain Air, Delta, Horizon Air or Northwest to Bozeman. Call 800-223-9609 for ski package with discounted airfare. Car rentals–most major companies at airport. Motel shuttle offered several times daily from most Bozeman motels: $7 roundtrip.

SEASON
December 12–April 4
Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES
More than 60 runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes covering 2,000 acres on the Gallatin National Forest. 2,000 vertical feet of lift-served terrain with 500 additional vertical feet on nearly 400 acres for the adventurous expert on Bridger's "ridge." Avalanche transceiver (457 khz), shovel and skiing partner required. 1/3 of lift-accessible skiing groomed. 25% beginner, 35% intermediate, 40% advanced.

LIFTS
Quads 1
Chairs.....5 double
Surface 1

RATES
Adult.....$30
Multi-day (3 days+) $27/day
Senior.....$25
Child (5 & under free).....$13

RENTALS & SALES
Complete package starts at $15/day.
Performance skis and snowboards available.

INSTRUCTION
Downhill, telemark and snowboard
Group .....$26/1.5 hrs.
Private .....$45/hr.

FOOD & DRINK
Two cafeterias; full-service bar and grill; food service, beer and wine at new mid-mountain cafeteria; many fine restaurants in Bozeman.

LODGING
Central reservations for lodging, air, car rentals, lift tickets for individuals and groups. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 49.

JUST FOR KIDS
Day care (18 mos.–6 yrs.) $25/half-day; $40/full-day; "First Tracks" (ages 4–6) lesson, lunch, day care $40/half-day; $50/full-day

EVENTS
Torchlight Parade.....December 30
Montana Powder 8's Championship .....February 6-7
Wild West Shred O'Fest Snowboard Competition .....February 20-21
Molson's Ski Challenge.....March 6
Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle Competition.....March 21
Pinhead Classic Costume Telemark Race ..... March 27
Double Pole, Pad & Pedal Downhill, Cross-country Ski, Run & Cycle Event .....April 3

PACKAGES
3 days skiing/3 nights lodging start at $120 per person, quad occupancy. Fly & ski packages start at $475, including round-trip airfare, 4 nights lodging, 3 days skiing and shuttle—a variety of motels, condos, private homes and bed & breakfast inns.

LOCATION
23 miles W of Anaconda at Georgetown Lake.

GETTING HERE
Fly Skywest or Horizon to Butte. From Missoula on I-90 to Drummond, Philipsburg via Flint Creek Hill or from Butte via Anaconda.

SEASON
November–April
Open 7 days per week from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES
40 runs. 33% beginner, 33% intermediate, 33% expert. Plenty of snowboard air.

LIFTS
Chairs.....1 triple, 3 double

RATES
All day adult.....$22
All day child (5 & under free).....$11
All day senior (65+).....$11
Half day adult (12:30 p.m.).....$17
Easy chair.....$8

RENTALS & SALES
Complete rentals & sales including boards and high performance skis.

INSTRUCTION
Beginner package.....$28
Snowboard beginner package.....$41
Private lesson for 1 hour.....$25
Ski & snowboard lessons – class or private.
Enroll kids in Kinderski, they'll love it!

FOOD & DRINK
Super food in cafeteria.
Friendly bar and lounge.

LODGING
Nearby Anaconda and Fairmont Hot Springs Motel & Resort Ski Vacation Packages.

CROSS-COUNTRY
Groomed & untracked trails.

DISCOVERY
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High in the Pintlers of western Montana, Ski Discovery, with its 6,850-ft. base elevation, is known for high country, light snow, some of America's steepest lift-served slopes, great cruising runs and friendly atmosphere.

Base Elevation 6,850 ft.
Top Elevation 8,150 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,300 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 4,300 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 200 in.

FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

Fairmont Hot Springs features two Olympic-size pools and two soaking pools, all with natural hot springs water, plus Montana's only year-round 350-ft. water slide. The perfect spot to end a day of skiing or snowmobiling by soaking, relaxing or treating yourself to a massage.

PACKAGES
Ski and Slide Package: 2 days skiing/2 nights lodging $125 per person double occupancy. Includes 4 water slide passes. Call 800-332-3272. ($100 per person double occupancy if you ski Tues.–Wed. or Wed.–Thurs. and stay at Fairmont two nights Mon.–Thurs.) Package not available Dec. 17–Jan. 3.

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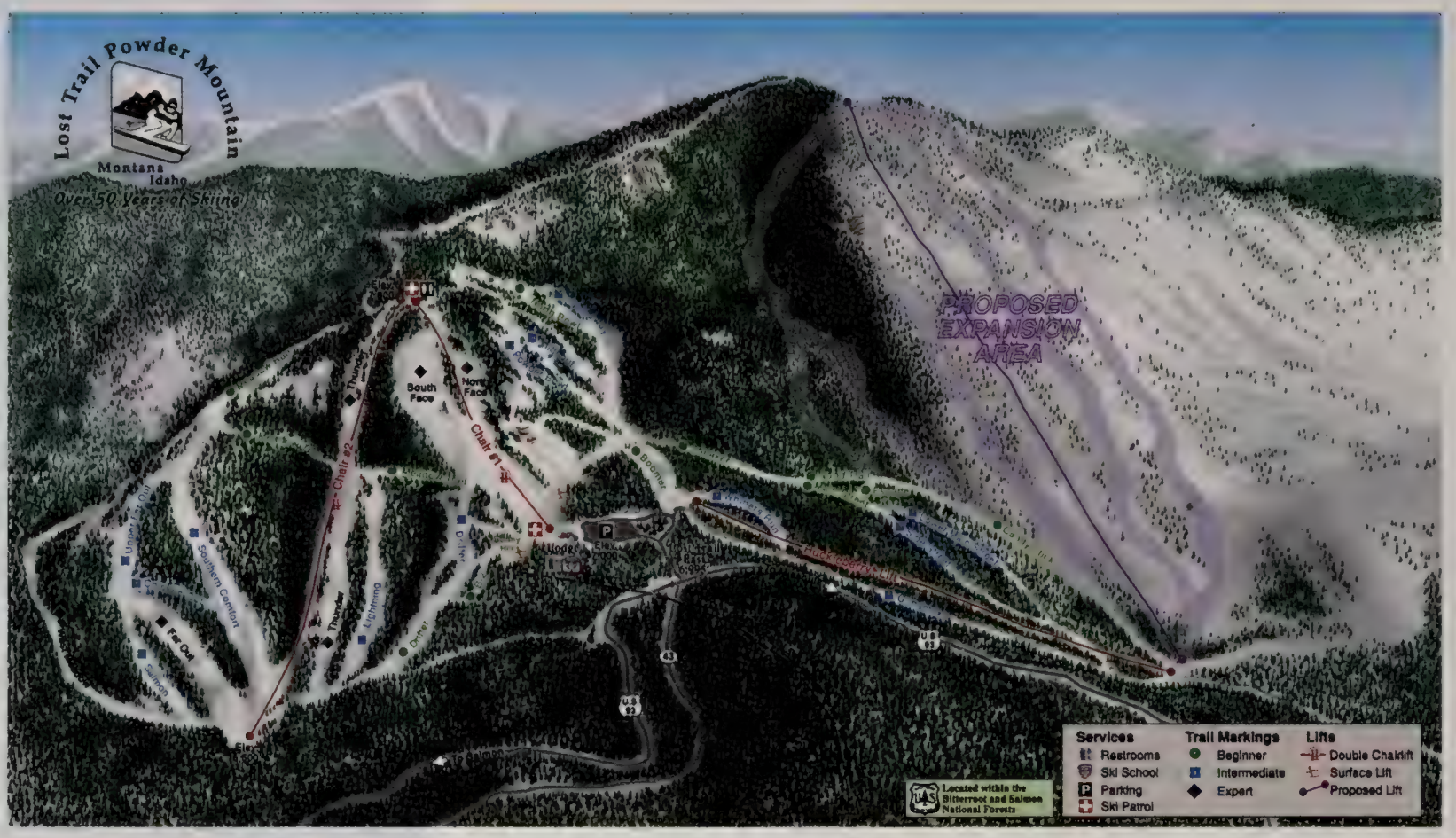
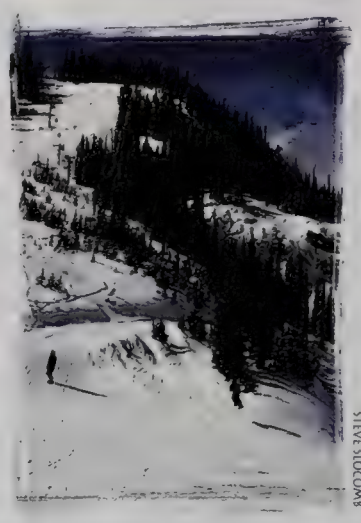


LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

P.O. Box 311, Conner, MT 59827
406-821-3211 or 406-821-3508
Fax: 406-821-3508, Web: www.losttrail.com


STEVE SIDDONS

Well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions, Lost Trail straddles the Montana-Idaho border in the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies.

Base Elevation 6,600 ft.	Lift Capacity 1,925 skiers/hr.
Top Elevation 7,800 ft.	Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.
Vertical Drop 1,200 ft.	
Longest Run 2.5 mi.	

LOCATION
US 93, 90 miles S of Missoula.

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals available at airport.

SEASON
December–April.
9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Thursday–Sunday and Holidays.
Christmas–Every day through Christmas holiday.

TRAILS & SLOPES
18 runs & trails on the Bitterroot National Forest. 20% beginner, 60% intermediate, 20% advanced.

LIFTS
Chairs.....3 double
Surface.....2

RATES
Adult.....$18; $14 half-day
Youth 6–12.....$9; $6 half-day
Child 5 & under.....Free
Rope tow.....$3

RENTALS & SALES
Downhill package.....$10/day
Snowboard and Boot.....$20/day
Demo skis.....$15/day

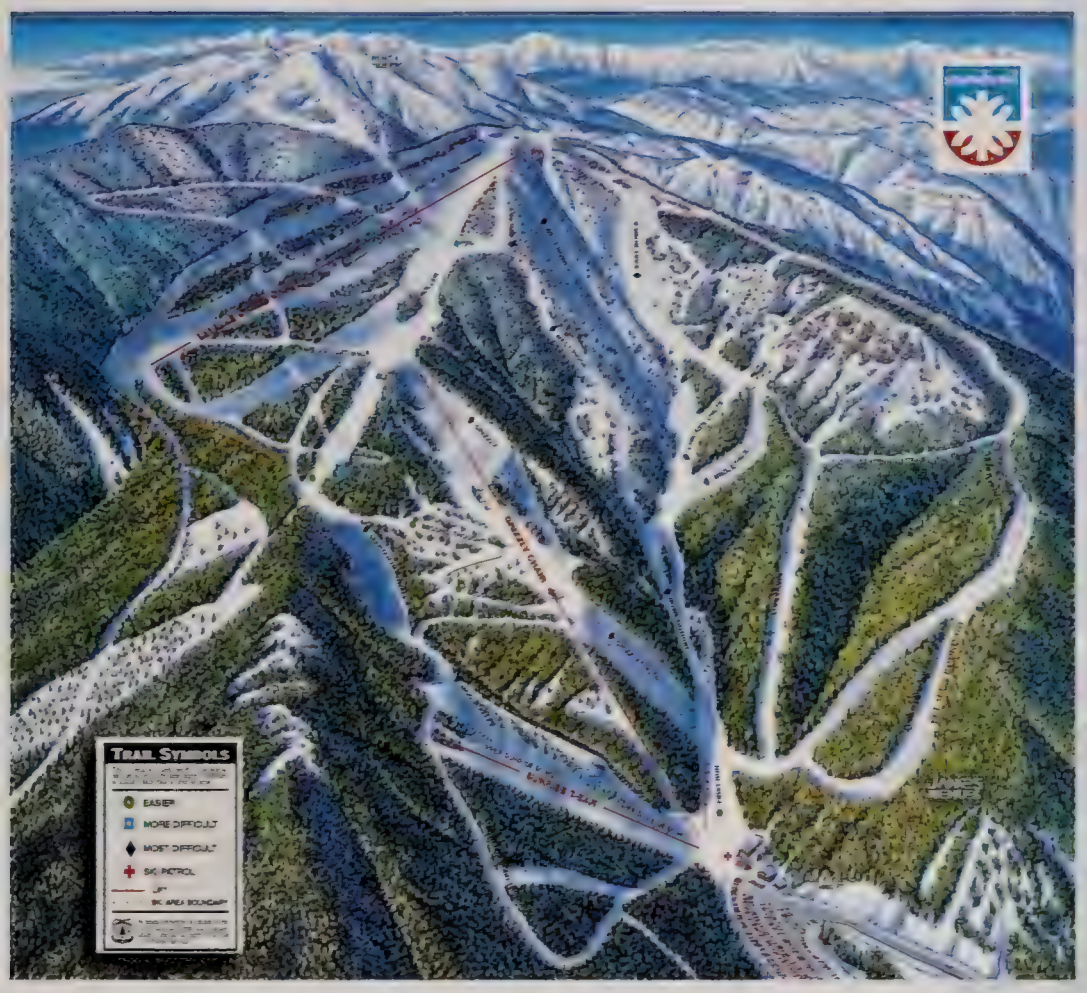
INSTRUCTION
Private.....$22/hr.
Learn-to-ski package.....$20

FOOD & DRINK
Full-service cafeteria at day lodge.

LODGING
Lost Trail Powder Mountain offers ski & stay packages with Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast. The Inn is located nine miles north of Lost Trail and offers both comfortable rooms in 1919 historic ranch house and two cabins with kitchens. All stays include a hearty, ranch breakfast. Camp Creek Inn, 7674 US 93 South, Sula, MT 59871, 406-821-3508. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 49.

EVENTS
Mogul Freestyle Competition.....February
Winterfest/Pepsi Family Races & BBQ.....March
Ski Patrol Steak Fry & Dance.....March
Great spring skiing in April.

PACKAGES
2 days skiing/2 nights lodging $82 per person double occupancy, breakfast included at Camp Creek Inn.



LOCATION
12 miles NW of Missoula.

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals at airport. From I-90, Reserve St. Exit (Exit 101), north on Grant Creek Road, then left onto Snowbowl Road.

SEASON
Late November–early April.
Open daily 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., December 25, 1998-February 28, 1999. Closed Tuesdays early and late season.

TRAILS & SLOPES
35+ trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing. 1,200 acres on the Lolo National Forest. 20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced. 700 acres of "extreme" skiing. Snowmaking at lower elevations.

LIFTS
Chairs.....2 high-capacity doubles
Surface.....2

RATES
Adult.....$27
Child.....$13
Child 5 & under.....Free
Beginner tow.....Free
Senior, student & half-day rates

RENTALS & SALES
Downhill package.....$13/day
Snowboards.....$13/day
Separate rates available.
Ski accessories for sale.

PACKAGES
2 days skiing/2 nights lodging, hot tub, start at $75 per person double occupancy, all season. Other packages available.

INSTRUCTION
Downhill, snowboard
Adult group.....$16/2 hrs.
Adult private.....$25/1 hr.
Pee-Wee private.....$15
Beginner's package (lift, lesson, rental).....$23.50

FOOD & DRINK
Double Diamond Cafe at base lodge.
Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain.
Last Run Inn Saloon.

LODGING
On mountain, ski in and ski out at the new Gelandesprung Lodge—hotel/hostel. A complete range of accommodations and ski packages are available in Missoula. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 49.

EVENTS
Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday.
Snowboard Jam.....February 6-7
Gelande Jump Championship.....February 27-28
Telemark Classic.....March 13
Snowbowl Hexathlon.....March 14
Best-of-the-Bowl Race.....March 27

MONTANA SNOWBOWL

P.O. Box 8107, Missoula, MT 59807
Reservations: 800-728-2695 or 406-549-9777
Fax: 406-327-8614
24-Hour Snow Phone: 406-549-9696
E-mail: info@montanasnowbowl.com
Web: www.montanasnowbowl.com

SCOTT SHRIER

Deep, powdery bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream. There's plenty of skiing for other skill levels, too.

Base Elevation 5,000 ft.
Top Elevation 7,600 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,600 ft.
Longest Run 3 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,400 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.

Nichols Peak
el 9390
Grizzly Peak
el 9416
Palisades Parks
Red Lodge Mountain operates under a special use permit with the Custer National Forest

RED LODGE
MOUNTAIN RESORT

P.O. Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068
Reservations: 800-444-8977 or 406-446-2610
Snow Phone: 406-446-2610
Fax: 406-446-3604 E-mail: rlm@montana.net
Web: www.montana.net/rlmresort

Red Lodge Mountain gets rave reviews for value and guest services. It offers a big mountain and modern amenities at family friendly prices. With newly expanded terrain, Red Lodge offers more downhill for the dollar than just about anywhere. Down the road, the lively western town of Red Lodge features unique shops, dining and entertainment.

Base Elevation 7,016 ft.	Lift Capacity 10,690 skiers/hr.
Top Elevation 9,416 ft.	Average Annual Snowfall 250 in.
Vertical Drop 2,400 ft.	
Longest Run 2.5 mi.	

LOCATION
US 212, 1 hour SW of Billings.

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon, Northwest, United, Big Sky or Skywest to Billings. Rental cars available at airport. Shuttles available with confirmed reservations.

SEASON
Early November–April 11.
9 a.m.–4 p.m. daily.

TRAILS & SLOPES
70 trails and groomed slopes, 30 acres extreme chute skiing and 60 acres of gladed tree skiing.
1,600 acres on the Custer National Forest.
15% novice, 55% intermediate, 30% expert.
Snowmaking on 40% of trails.

LIFTS
Chairs.....1 triple, 4 doubles
High Speed Quads 2
Surface.....1

RATES
Adult $33
Child 12 & under.....$12
Rates discounted Monday and Tuesday beginning January 4 (except holidays).
Multi-day and group rates.

RENTALS & SALES
Rental equipment for adults and children, demo/performance skis and snowboards available in our ski shop on the mountain.

INSTRUCTION
Downhill, snowboard, beginner, advanced, adults, children and specialty clinics. First Timers Packages: lift ticket, rentals and lesson. Private and semi-private lessons.

FOOD & DRINK
Two full-service restaurants.
Two cafeterias plus Line Camp.
Red Lodge boasts more restaurants per capita than any other town in Montana.

LODGING
Central Reservations does it all! Book lodging, airfare, car rental, lift tickets and rental equipment with one call to 800-444-8977. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 49.

JUST FOR KIDS
State licensed day care facility for ages 6 mos. to 4 years—reservations and immunization records required. Little Wranglers for ages 3–6. Lift, instruction, rentals and fun. Teepee Creepers for ages 7–12. Instruction, mountain exploring and fun.

EVENTS
Boarder Rally.....December 6
Christmas Festivities.....December 19-31
Northern Rocky Mountain
Winter Games .....February 26-28
Winter Carnival.....March 5-7

NEW FOR 1998-99 SEASON
Largest snowmaking system in the Northern Rockies. Our skiing conditions are guaranteed.

PACKAGES
Packages start at $530 including roundtrip airfare, 5 nights lodging, 4 days skiing & car rental with ski rack. Or 3 days skiing, 3 nights lodging for $144. Call 800-444-8977. Packages based on per person, quad occupancy. US funds.

LOCATION
US 89, 10 min. S of Neihart, 1 hr. SE of Great Falls or 30 min. N of White Sulphur Springs.

GETTING HERE
Fly Delta, Northwest or Horizon Air to Great Falls. Major car rentals available at the airport.

SEASON
Early December–early April
Wednesday–Sunday, plus these holidays:
December 19, 1998–January 3, 1999
(Closed Christmas Day)
January 18, 1999—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15, 1999—President's Day

TRAILS & SLOPES
34 uncrowded runs of tree-lined trails and open slopes on the Lewis & Clark National Forest.
30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced.

LIFTS
Chairs.....1 triple, 1 double
Surface.....2

RATES
Adult All Area Lift.....$25
Junior (Age 6–12).....$13
Senior (Age 70+).....$13
Kids 5 & under.....Free
Poma Lift.....$5
Rope Tow.....Free

RENTALS & SALES
Downhill package.....$15/day
(Shaped skis available)
Snowboard package.....$25/day
Snowbikes.....$25/day
(1st Timers are required to take a $10 lesson)
Snowblades.....$15/day

PACKAGES
3 days skiing and 3 nights lodging for as low as $95 per person. US funds.

INSTRUCTION
Downhill and snowboard lessons.
Group or private lessons.
SKIwee and SKIwee Hotshots program.

FOOD & DRINK
Johnny K's Cookshack and the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon in the base lodge. The Top Rock Eatery at mountain summit.

LODGING
Accommodations nearest to the mountain are in Neihart, Monarch and White Sulphur Springs. Full accommodations in Great Falls. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 49.

CROSS-COUNTRY
12 miles of groomed trails adjacent to downhill ski area.

SNOWMOBILING
200 miles of groomed trails.
Machine and clothing rentals at the ski area.
Guided tours.

JUST FOR KIDS
SKIwee Program (ages 3–6) includes lesson and lift/rental if needed (full- or half-day).
Day care at the base lodge. Reservations are required for ages 2 & under.

EVENTS
Food Drive Weekend.....Dec. 19 & 20
Snowboard Jam.....Feb. 27
Freestyle Bump-off.....March 14
Belt Creek Headwaters Relay.....March 21
Mannequin Jumping.....April 3

SHOWDOWN
SKI AREA

P.O. Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465
Information Line:
800-433-0022 or 406-236-5522
Fax: 406-236-5523
24-Hour Snow Phone: 406-771-1300
Web: www.travelbase.com.activities.skiing.showdown

A Montana favorite for over 60 years! Showdown offers something for everyone, with an expanded lodge, Dinotykes Daycare, lesson programs for kids ages 3 years and older, and the best skiing in central Montana.

Base Elevation 6,800 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,400 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,000 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 240 in.

LODGING ON THE BIG MOUNTAIN

Whitefish, Montana

Lodging opportunities abound on The Big Mountain. Choose from hotels, condominiums, townhomes or single family homes, ranging from luxurious comfort to economy ski lodging. Call and let us help create the perfect winter ski getaway. This season, the new luxurious Kintla Lodge will open at the base of The Big Mountain, adding new retail shops as well as ski in/ski out condominium units. In celebration of its 50th anniversary last season, The Big Mountain added a high-speed quad to the North side as well as the new Hellroaring lift, which accesses an additional 500 acres of skiing in Hellroaring Basin.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Anapurna Properties
P.O. Box 55, Whitefish, MT 59937
800-243-7547, 406-862-3687
Fax: 406-862-0586
E-mail: anapurna@anapurnaproperties.com
Web: www.anapurnaproperties.com

Big Mountain Alpine Homes/ Hibernation House
800-859-3560
Fax: 406-862-1956
E-mail: bigmtn@bigmtn.com
Web: www.bigmtn.com

Kandahar Lodge
P.O. Box 1659, Whitefish, MT 59937
800-862-6094, 406-862-6098
Fax: 406-862-6095
E-mail: kandahar@vtown.com
Web: www.vtown.com/kandahar

ANAPURNA PROPERTIES

Your Anapurna hosts, Jeff and Jennifer Fisher, have been in the business of taking care of some of the nicest properties on The Big Mountain for almost twenty years. All 65 units have ski access to the slopes and are spacious and well-decorated for your enjoyment. Complete kitchens, plenty of linens, drying rooms for wet gear and color cable TVs with video players increase your comfort and enjoyment. All Anapurna guests have use of the pool and hot tub facility located at the Sherpa building. A friendly Montana staff caters to much more than the routine. Scattered at the base of the terrain pictured above, the Anapurna Properties truly offer affordable luxury in a priceless location.

BIG MOUNTAIN ALPINE HOMES

The Big Mountain Alpine Homes offer value, comfort and charm for a variety of tastes and budgets while staying right on the mountain. These single family homes, condos, duplexes and townhomes range in size from one to five bedrooms. Many feature desirable ski-in/ski-out locations. All units are equipped with full kitchens, barbecues, color cable TV/VCR and fireplace or woodstove. Most have spa/ sauna facilities and all benefit from our superior customer service. Let The Big Mountain Alpine Homes be your "ski home away from home."

HIBERNATION HOUSE

Come experience the best lodging value in The Big Mountain village area. All 42 rooms feature a queen bed, a set of bunks, phones with free local calling, and a private bath with shower. New for 98/99, our rooms will all have color cable TVs and other guest-requested improvements. Our room rates include a full, hot breakfast served right in the lobby each morning. Additional hotel amenities include a large indoor jacuzzi, laundry facilities, inside ski storage, lobby with fireplace and our friendly, caring staff. The Hibernation House: where you can still find a great lodging value at a great ski mountain.

KANDAHAR LODGE

Montana's premier mountain lodge. Ski to the slopes and back, then relax with your favorite drink from the "Snug Bar" next to the fire in our elegant sunken lobby. Enjoy fine dining in Cafe Kandahar with a full breakfast and dinner menu in a charming European setting. You'll sleep peacefully under down comforters in one of our 48 beautiful rooms. Kitchenettes available. Amenities include spa, steam room, sauna, locked ski and boot storage, conference room, board room, cable TV and laundry facilities. Kandahar is what you've always imagined a ski lodge to be. Kids under 12 stay free.

ROB OUTLAW

RAINBOW RANCH LODGE AT BIG SKY

P.O. Box 160336, Big Sky, MT 59716
800-937-4132 or 406-995-4132
Fax: 406-995-2861
E-mail: rainbow_ranch@gomontana.com
Web: www.rainbowranch.com

"Montana's pristine Gallatin River Canyon is nearly 75 breath-taking miles long, but there is only one spot on this famous river that you can enjoy your own beautiful and private view: from a luxurious guest room at the Rainbow Ranch Lodge!" Quoted by one of the staff who will introduce you to Montana hospitality at its best. Our united and single goal at Rainbow Ranch is to exceed your expectations.

LOCATION

Just 40 miles south of Bozeman, Rainbow Ranch Lodge is located on the Gallatin River five miles south of the entrance to the Big Sky Resort on US 191. We are nestled between the Gallatin and Madison mountain ranges of the Rocky Mountains, 12 miles north of the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta, Skywest or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Discounted airfare available.

ACTIVITIES

Your experience may include a variety of winter activities: downhill and cross-country skiing, snow-mobiling or snowcoach tours in Yellowstone National Park, fishing, hunting, dinner sleigh rides, horseback riding, wildlife/naturalist trips, massage/spa services, dog sled rides and snowshoeing.

FACILITIES

Rainbow Ranch Lodge, with its rich history, continues the tradition of honoring guests with a rare combination of warm, attentive hospitality, rustic elegance and unparalleled wilderness beauty. The massive logs, stone fireplace and custom built Western bar create an inviting atmosphere to either begin or end your day. Guest suites provide luxurious comfort with lodge pole beds, down comforters, TV/VCRs and original art work. After a full day of winter play, you can relax by the warmth of a stone fireplace, in our out-door jacuzzi or in our rustic lounge.

DINING

At the Rainbow Ranch Lodge, Executive Chef Kim Cameron will create a unique dining experience for you. You may begin your day with coffee or tea delivered to your room with fresh home-baked goods. Gourmet box lunches are available to take along for the day. For a perfect ending to your day, join us in our renowned restaurant where you can dine in elegance while sampling local, regional or international cuisine.

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about a variety of discount ski packages, ranging from two days to seven days.

RESERVATIONS

We are an intimate lodge with 21 guest rooms, so please make your reservations early to ensure your choice of dates and type of room.

Rainbow Ranch is a smoke-free facility.

BILL REIFF

GRIZZLY DISCOVERY CENTER

The Grizzly Discovery Center offers visitors firsthand views of grizzly bears and a pack of gray wolves in naturalistic habitats. The Center educates the public about bear and wolf behavior, biology and conflicts. A portion of ticket and gift sales goes to the International Grizzly Fund, sponsoring conservation programs for wild bears.

Inside the Center, a visitor may watch films about bears, wolves and other wildlife. Children will enjoy listening to educational messages, experiencing the "feel box" and discovering a sleeping bear in a walk-in den!

Outdoors, visitors can enjoy photographing bears and wolves in their respective habitats. The habitats contain running streams, ponds, rocks, trees and deadfall. The animals display behavior usually seen only in the wild. Winter visitors enjoy watching animals frolic and play in the snow.

Admission prices are valid all day to allow return viewing of different bears. Staff members present informational talks about problem bears, bear attacks, habitat, diet, Native mythology, wolf reintroduction, biological issues of pack behaviors and other fascinating topics.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Grizzly Discovery Center
201 South Canyon
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-257-2570 or 406-646-7001
Fax: 406-646-7004
E-mail: info@grizzlydiscoveryctr.com
Web: www.grizzlydiscoveryctr.com

GOLDEN EAGLE LODGING AT BIG SKY

Located in Big Sky, Montana, Golden Eagle is 45 miles south of Bozeman and neighbor to Yellowstone National Park. Ski 65 miles of exhilarating downhill on 75 runs over 3,500 acres. Our pinnacle peak, Lone Mountain, rises 11,150 feet with a vertical drop of 4,180 feet. Out your front door, you will find access to 75 km of an extensive cross-country trail system that offers a variety of terrain for beginners and experts.

Golden Eagle offers the largest selection of luxury condominiums and homes in Big Sky. Conveniently located near the cross-country track system, slopes, dining, shops and entertainment, Golden Eagle condos have panoramic mountain views, furnished kitchens and stone fireplaces. Some have access to pools, saunas and jacuzzis. Golden Eagle Lodge offers comfortable rooms, with a restaurant and bar on the premises, the perfect choice for those on a budget. Prices start at $110/night for a one-bedroom condo and $45/night in the lodge. Fly Delta or Northwest to Bozeman.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Golden Eagle
P.O. Box 160008
Big Sky, MT 59716
800-548-4488
Fax: 406-995-2447
E-mail: geagle@bigskylodging.com
Web: www.bigskylodging.com

THE EDELWEISS CONDOMINIUMS

Immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquility of a Montana winter from cozy accommodations at the 4,500-ft. alpine setting. The Edelweiss, located six miles north of Whitefish on The Big Mountain, offers fully furnished luxury condominiums in the heart of The Big Mountain village. Each unit includes full kitchen, living room, cable TV, fireplace and a spectacular view of the Flathead Valley or The Big Mountain. After a day of activities, soak yourself in our 20-person hot tub or relax in our sauna. Laundry facilities available on site.

Located only 200 yards from the main chair lift, the Edelweiss is perfect for alpine skiing and snowboarding vacations. Enjoy an afternoon of fluffy Montana powder, or relax during the day and hit the slopes at night. Discounted ski vouchers, complimentary ski waxing and apres-ski social offered daily. Take a gondola ride to the summit and enjoy a hearty dinner. Spend a day on The Big Mountain's tubing hill or experience the miles of outstanding cross-country trails at The Big Mountain Nordic Center. Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride, try snowshoeing or simply relax in your cozy room. It's all here at the Edelweiss!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Edelweiss Condominiums
P.O. Box 846
Whitefish, MT 59937
800-228-8260 or 406-862-5252
Fax: 406-862-3009
E-mail: info@stayatedelweiss.com
Web: www.stayatedelweiss.com

JOHN KEITH

GORDON WILTSIE

Trail Map.

NO ONE COVERS MONTANA SKI COUNTRY LIKE WE DO.

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So whether you're into downhill, cross-country, snowmobiling or building snowmen, we can land you closer to where you want to be. And with our Horizon Air Holidays ski packages, we can arrange your flights, lodging, lift tickets and rental car with one easy phone call.

For more information or our ski package brochure, see your travel agent or call Horizon Air at 1-800-547-9308. Or browse our on-line brochure at www.horizonair.com.

Then fly us to Montana. Because as you can see, we're all over the map.

Horizon Air
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www.horizonair.com

GORDON WILTSIE

BOB ALLEN

TWO PLACES TO PARK IT.

In Yellowstone, you'll ski past bubbling geysers, explore acres of pristine beauty and spot plenty of wildlife. Montana has three of the park's entrances (Gardiner, Cooke City and West Yellowstone). At West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs, you can find guided ski tours, snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals. Contact: Visitor Services, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or call 307-344-7381. Web: www.nps.gov/yell

CROSS-COUNTRY

SKIING WORTH CROSSING

THE COUNTRY FOR.

Here in Montana, cross-country skiing isn't like a quick trip around your back yard. (Unless you have a very big back yard.) We have hundreds of trails in two national parks, nine national forests and 12 wilderness areas—as well as lodges and resorts with private trail systems. Some of America's premier cross-country resorts are in Montana, offering you guided wilderness and wildlife tours, perfectly groomed trails and expert instruction. Or rent a remote forest service cabin and explore the ungroomed backcountry trails on our public lands. (We like to share, so we have a lot of public land.) Many people don't think of going to Glacier National Park or Yellowstone National Park in the winter. That in itself is a good reason for you to go; you may have acres of white backcountry all to yourself.

Glacier National Park has more than a million acres of scenic beauty, and a dozen ski trails. You'll find guided tours and ski rentals available for your trip; to get maps and more information, contact:Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, or call 406-888-7800. Web: www.nps.gov/glac

MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Northern Region
Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807
406-329-3511
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
420 Barrett Street
Dillon, MT 59725-3572
406-683-3900

Bitterroot National Forest
1801 North First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3131

Custer National Forest
1310 Main Street
P.O. Box 50760
Billings, MT 59105
406-248-9885

Flathead National Forest
1935 Third Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-758-5204

Gallatin National Forest
10 East Babcock
P.O. Box 130
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-587-6701
406-587-6920
(recreation information)

Helena National Forest
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59601
406-449-5201

Kootenai National Forest
506 US 2 West
Libby, MT 59923
406-293-6211

Lewis & Clark National Forest
1101 15th Street North
P.O. Box 869
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-791-7700

Lolo National Forest
Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59804
406-329-3750

The national forests and grasslands of Montana reach from rugged mountain-tops and steep, timbered canyons in western Montana to eastern prairies and badlands. When the snow covers these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

VICTOR BJORNBERG

NATIONAL FORESTS: MILLIONS OF BRANCHES TO SERVE YOU.

Eleven downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Cross-country skiers can follow more than 600 miles (950 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride more than 2,000 miles of designated, groomed trails, or they can explore on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

A GUIDE TO YOUR NORTHERN REGION NATIONAL FORESTS

will give you the locations of all nine national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see list of addresses).

FOREST SERVICE CABIN AND LOOKOUT RENTALS

For those who seek a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located can tell you what you need to bring. For a Recreational Cabin and Lookout Directory, write or call the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region.

GROOMED SKI TOURING TRAILS
ON MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

SKI TOURING TRAILS	TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS	TOTAL KM SKATING LANES	EASIEST	MORE DIFFICULT	MOST DIFFICULT	GROOMING	CONTACT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST AND BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST								
Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails 28 mi. W of Wisdom	24.6		8	14.5	2.1	W	District Ranger, Wisdom 406-689-3243 District Ranger, Sula 406-821-3201	Starts on north side of MT 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club. Maps available at trailhead.
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST								
Round Meadows 15 mi. NW of Whitefish	11.8		9.4		2.4	I	District Ranger, Whitefish 406-863-5400	Snowmobiles prohibited; no dogs please. Combination of trees and meadows; moose sightings possible.
Blacktail Mountain 8 mi. W of Lakeside	40.5		10	30.5		I	District Ranger, Bigfork 406-837-7500	No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road. Spectacular views of Flathead Lake and Valley and four mountain ranges.
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST								
Bear Creek Road Jardine, 5 mi. above Gardiner	6.4	6.4	6.4			I	District Ranger, Gardiner 406-848-7375	Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road. Groomed for skating and tracked skiing.
Bozeman Creek 5 mi. S of Bozeman	8			8		I	District Ranger, Bozeman 406-587-6920	Snowmobiles prohibited. Forested valley.
Rendezvous Complex West Yellowstone	25	25	25			D	District Ranger, West Yellowstone 406-646-7369	Used by U.S. Olympic Team in Nov. as official site of fall training camp. Dogs & snowmobiles prohibited. Groomed daily 12/1–3/30.
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST								
MacDonald Pass 15 mi. W of Helena	14		4.5	9.5		I	District Ranger, Helena 406-449-5490 or The Base Camp 406-443-5360	Snowmobiles prohibited; no dogs please. Three of the four loop trails are groomed by the Last Chance Nordic Ski Club.
KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST								
Ross Creek Trail No. 4005 17 mi. S of Troy, MT 56	13		11		2	I	District Ranger, Troy 406-295-4693	Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1. Trail goes to Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area.
Bear Creek 7 mi. S of Libby	5.5		2.3	1.8	1.4	I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.
Rainbow Ridge 22 mi. N of Libby	2.4		2.0	0.4		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Trail shared with snowmobiles. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.
Flatiron Summit 24 mi. N of Libby	2.4			2.4		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.
Timberlane Campground 9 mi. N of Libby	3.3		2.5	0.8		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Ski play hill & sledding, picnic shelter, fire ring & firewood provided. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.
South Flower 4 mi. SW of Libby	7.3		0.8	6.5	0.5	W	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.
Grave Creek Road 16 mi. SE of Eureka	37		27	10		I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area. Groomed by Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club.
Laughing Water Creek Adj. to Murphy Lake Ranger Station	7.2		7.2			I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Closed to snowmobiles. Opportunities for wildlife viewing.
Therriault 10 mi. SE of Eureka	18			16	2	I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Parking available at junction of Forest Service Roads 756 & 7077.
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST								
Silver Crest 30 mi. N of White Sulphur Springs	18	18	3.5	10.3	4.2	I	District Ranger, White Sulphur Springs 406-547-3361 or Neihart, 406-236-5511	Park in snowmobile lot near Kings Hill, 7 mi. SE of Neihart. Two warming huts. Groomed by Great Falls Cross-Country Club.
LOLO NATIONAL FOREST								
Pattee Canyon Ski Trail 5.5 mi. SE of Missoula	9	9	1.6	4	3.4	W	Missoula Area Visitor Information, Missoula, 406-329-3814	Closed to motorized vehicles. Two trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Groomed by Missoula Nordic Ski Club.
Seeley Lake Ski Trails 1 mi. NE of Seeley Lake	18	18	3	12	3	I	Ranger District, Seeley Lake 406-677-2233	Snowmobiles & dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Maps available at trailhead & District Office. Groomed by Seeley Lake Ski Club.

GROOMED: I–Intermittent W–Weekly D–Daily **NOTE:** Some trails are groomed irregularly.

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTERS/TRAILS

SKI CENTERS/TRAILS	TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS	TOTAL KM SKATING LANES	EASIEST	MORE DIFFICULT	MOST DIFFICULT	GROOMING	TRAIL FEES	RENTALS	X-COUNTRY INSTRUCTION	FOOD SERVICE	LODGING ON SITE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
❶ **B Bar Guest Ranch**, 406-848-7523 45 miles S of Livingston in Tom Miner Basin	40	7	10	15	15	D	X		X	X	X	Open to public on weekends only. Borders Yellowstone Park. Outstanding views and wildlife.
❷ **Big Mountain Nordic Center**, 406-862-1900 800-859-3528; 8 mi. N of Whitefish	11.4	11.4	1.84	8.16	1.4	D	X	X	X	X	X	Located at Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort. Olympic design by Jon Elliot; well maintained.
❸ **Bohart Ranch**, 406-586-9070 16 mi. NE of Bozeman on MT 86	25	25	6	13	6	D	X	X	X	S		Ski on varied terrain through forests and meadows. Scenic trails in historical Bridger Canyon & Gallatin National Forest.
❹ **Glacier Nordic Center**, 406-862-3000 1205 US 93 West, Whitefish	12	12	8	4		D		X	X	X	X	Located on Whitefish Lake Golf Course & adjacent to Grouse Mountain Lodge; 3 km lighted trails.
❺ **Holland Lake Lodge**, 406-754-2282 30 mi. N of Seeley Lake in Swan Valley	25	2	12	13		W		X	X	X	X	All trails in Flathead National Forest. In addition to groomed trails, there is unlimited ski touring & backcountry skiing.
❻ **Izaak Walton Inn**, 406-888-5700 Essex	30	30	15	9	6	D	X	X	X	X	X	Southern tip of Glacier National Park, halfway between East & West Glacier.
❼ **Lone Mountain Ranch**, 406-995-4644 40 mi. S of Bozeman at Big Sky	65	65	10	48	7	D	X	X	X	X	X	Cross-country ski ranch vacations near Yellowstone; some trails located on Gallatin National Forest.
❽ **Maupin Willard Trail System**, 406-443-5360 or 406-449-5490; 20 mi. SE of Helena	5	5	5			I						Groomed by Helena Last Chance Nordic Club; some trails located on Helena National Forest.
❾ **Mountain Timbers Wilderness Lodge**, 406-387-5830, West Glacier	15	15	3.6	7	4.4	I	X				X	Food service by arrangement; spectacular vistas into Glacier National Park.
❿ **Mt. Haggin Nordic Ski Area**, 406-494-4235, 406-782-0316; Rd. to Wisdom, 15 mi. S of Anaconda	21	11	2	17	2	W						Groomed by Mile Hi Nordic Ski Club with Fish, Wildlife & Parks; outstanding vistas, historic sites, warming hut.
⓫ **Red Lodge Nordic Center**, 406-446-9191 2 mi. W of Red Lodge on MT 78	15	13	4	7	4	D	X	X	X	S		Nestled at base of Beartooth Mountains; great for families; all services in Red Lodge.
⓬ **Sundance Lodge**, 406-689-3611 20 mi. W of Wise River	11.4		8	3.4		I		X		X	X	Trail system located on Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in La Marche Creek area.
⓭ **Wade Lake Resort**, 406-682-7560 30 mi. W of West Yellowstone at Cameron	35		15	20		W				X	X	Trail system located on Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest; exceptional wildlife, telemarking areas, secluded.

Numbers preceding ski centers/trails correspond to circles ❶ on map, page 6

GROOMED: I–Intermittent W–Weekly D–Daily **NOTE:** Some trails are groomed irregularly. **FOOD SERVICE:** S–Snacks

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Montana experience is as rewarding as each visitor makes it. Here are some tips to make your trip more enjoyable and assure a quality experience for future visitors.

- Help preserve our heritage by leaving ghost towns, mining camps and other historical attractions intact. The only things that should be taken from these sites are your photographs.
- Respect the rights and property of others. Always get permission before entering private land.
- Dispose of trash properly.
- For your safety and theirs, enjoy wildlife from a distance.

- We're known for our friendliness. Respect our traditions, customs and local ordinances and we'll keep smiling.
- Support our economy; look for the Made in Montana label when you shop.

CHICO HOT SPRINGS LODGE

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The quintessential Montana experience. Established in 1900 and currently on the National Historic Register, Chico is a year-round destination resort. Our winters are filled with cross-country skiing, wilderness dog sled treks, trips to nearby Yellowstone National Park and, of course, soaking in our natural mineral hot springs.

LOCATION

Chico is 23 miles south of Livingston and 30 miles north of Gardiner, the only entrance to Yellowstone National Park that's open year-round, on US 89. Airline travel is accessed via Bozeman, 60 miles away. You can rent a car at the airport, or we'll be glad to come and get you.

FACILITIES

Western comfort and hospitality abound at Chico. Accommodations range from our historic main lodge to private cabins, chalets and large log homes. The property also boasts 150 pristine acres, two restaurants, meeting facilities, two mineral hot pools, a unique gift shop and activity center and a Western saloon...something for everyone.

DINING

Chico has long been known for its landmark dining room. Creative continental cuisine is served in a comfortable atmosphere of casual elegance. The seafood is fresh, the steaks are large and the wine list is extensive. For more casual fare, there is the Poolside Grille, serving salads, large sandwiches, burgers and excellent ribs and pizza. The saloon offers a limited menu featuring overwhelming portions of barbecue ribs and chicken, and is known for its large selection of beer and "Paradise Margaritas."

ABSAROKA DOG SLED TREKS

There you are—mushing your own team of Siberian Huskies on a snow-covered trail running alongside a pristine mountain stream! Here's your opportunity to enjoy the unique experience of dog sledding for a day. Drawn by a team of 6–10 Siberian Huskies, you are offered the adventure of a lifetime. Bundle up the kids and hop on a sled driven by you and accompanied by a well-qualified, experienced musher. Have a romantic getaway as you explore the Gallatin Forest of the Absaroka Mountains in gorgeous Mill Creek Canyon. Go for a two-hour trek or stop and savor the splendor while enjoying a picnic lunch on the half-day trek. Or even take in all you can and try the full-day trek, offering steak and trout grilled to perfection. Treks leave daily Thanksgiving through Easter from Chico Hot Springs. Owned and operated by Mark and Sharon Nardin, P.O. Box 134, Pray, MT 59065. Call 406-222-4645 or 406-333-4933 for reservations.
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CROSS-COUNTRY PROGRAM

Our location offers you an ideal home base regardless of your skiing level or desires. You can rent skis from us, take a lesson on the lawn and just head out the back door, or you can have our resident guide lead you safely into the back-country for an all-day excursion. There are many additional skiing options only minutes away. You can ski through beautiful Mill Creek Valley where there are both packed trails and fresh untracked snow or you can head into Yellowstone Park where wildlife and amazing natural wonders await you. There's nothing in the world like skiing past grazing elk in sheer silence or watching a geyser go off with winter as a backdrop. It's all part of the Chico experience. The real Chico experience, however, is putting your skis away or saying goodbye to your musher and stepping into the natural hot springs under the stars of a crisp Montana night!

RESERVATIONS

We are rapidly becoming a popular spot, which makes reservations for lodging a must. Weekends fill quickly so reservations are highly suggested to secure your choice of dates and accommodations.

HOLLAND LAKE LODGE

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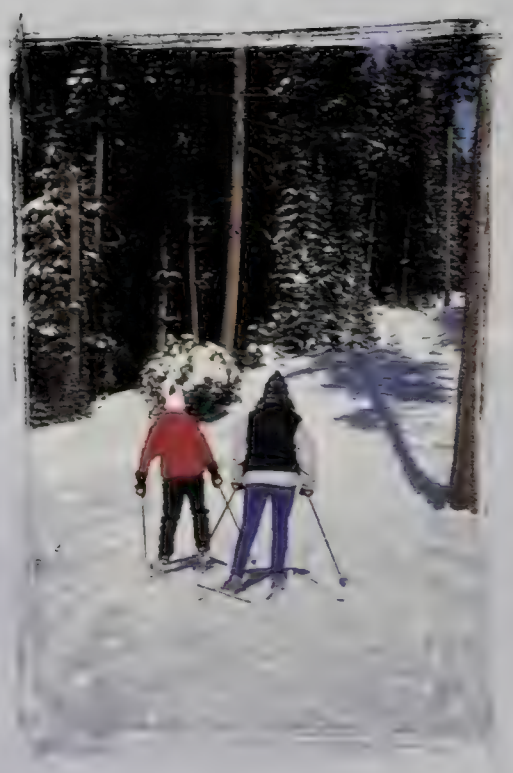
Experience Montana's back-country winter paradise, Holland Lake Lodge, for your ultimate cross-country ski adventure. Holland Lake Lodge, with its 75-year history, continues its timeless tradition of honoring our guests with a rare combination of attentive hospitality, fine, well-prepared Montana cuisine and a classic alpine log lodge nestled in an unmatched exclusive setting on the shore of Holland Lake.



LOCATION
Holland Lake Lodge is the gateway lodge to the Bob Marshall Wilderness area, America's largest. It is located 75 miles southeast of Kalispell, Montana, and 75 miles northeast of Missoula, Montana. Fly Northwest, Delta or Alaska Airlines to Missoula. Transportation from the airport is available.

SEASON
Ski from early December to early April.

TRAILS
Over 20 km of tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of cross-country skiing. The trails are groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. Unlimited backcountry ski opportunities. All trails lie in the Flathead National Forest. You will also find spectacular areas for snowshoeing, dog sled adventures, ice skating and ice fishing.

FACILITIES
After a great day of winter activities, enjoy exceptional Montana mountain food in our renowned dining room. Everything is prepared with fresh ingredients, from hand-mashed potatoes and homemade gravy to chicken-n-dumplings and pot roast dinners. The steaks and fish served are the very best available. There are a number of vegetarian entrees, including a fine vegetable lasagna. The breakfast and lunch menus include a variety of Western-style dishes and the dessert menu includes homemade apple dumplings served with heavy cream. Following dinner, have a drink,or espresso at our full-service bar and enjoy a game of pool. Feel the warmth of a roaring fire and relax with friends in our sauna. Our gift shop includes a fine selection of clothing, accessories, convenience items and gifts. Cross-country ski equipment, snowshoes and ice skates are available for rent.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Following restful evening activities, you will love the comfort of your Ralph Lauren-appointed lodge room or rustic lakeside cabin.

WINTER PACKAGES
Very reasonable 7-day packages starting at $495 per person and 5-day packages starting at $385 per person include 3 menu-selected meals per day, lodging, half-day dog sled adventure and guided snowshoe tour. The 3-day package starting at $155 per person includes 3 menu-selected meals per day, lodging and guided snowshoe tour.

DOG SLED ADVENTURES
One of the highlights of your 5-or 7-day winter package at Holland Lake Lodge will be your half-day dog sled adventure. After brief training by our professional musher, you'll be given your own team of Greenland sled dogs and classic ash sled. The adventure begins as you follow the musher and his team out across ice-covered Holland Lake and through the magnificent Swan Valley.

RESERVATIONS
It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible. Special discounts available for early bookings.

Call for a free brochure.

FACILITIES
Relax in an Empire Builder accommodation with full private bath. Enjoy unique lodging in a charming caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

LOCATION
At Essex, just off US 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwest Montana. Fly Delta or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door.

SEASON
Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

TRAILS
More than 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially on the Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

GUIDE SERVICE
Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is $60–$80 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment available upon request.

DAY SKIER SERVICES
A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages available.

VACATION PACKAGES
Inquire about our three-, five- and seven-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, three meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all Inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided snowshoe tour and one guided ski tour into Glacier National Park.

EVENTS
Kick Out the Kinks 5 and 10 km Nordic Ski Race, December 5-6; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race, March 20-21.

RESERVATIONS
Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.

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IZAAK WALTON INN

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Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

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A full-service, cross-country ski resort. Professionally groomed trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top quality ranch gourmet meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the cross-country skiing vacation of a lifetime. Named by *Snow Country* magazine as the top cross-country ski resort in the western U.S.

LOCATION
Big Sky, Montana—40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Skywest, Aspen Mountain Air, Delta or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special airfares available.

SEASON
Ski from early December to mid-April.

TRAILS
65 km of professionally groomed, tilled and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. We also have snowshoe trails. A portion of these trails lie in the Gallatin National Forest.

NATURALIST-GUIDED SKI TRIPS
Naturalist-guided, all-day ski tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone. Skiing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

NORDIC SKI SHOP
Complete cross-country ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment. A wide selection of ski clothing, accessories, convenience items and gifts is available.

SKI INSTRUCTION
Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of skiers.

VACATION PACKAGES
Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 70 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (7 nights) includes three complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleigh ride dinner, gourmet on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at $1,250–$1,600 per person, double occupancy. Reservations are required.

DAY SKIER SERVICES
Day trail passes give you access to the entire trail system. Rental ski packages, Nordic ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski tours and old-fashioned sleigh ride dinners are all available to day visitors.

SLEIGH RIDE DINNERS
Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleigh ride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner, cooked in a century-old wood cookstove and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening. Reservations required.

RESERVATIONS
It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to assure your choice of dates and accommodations.

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B BAR GUEST RANCH

Bordering Yellowstone National Park, the B Bar Guest Ranch offers a premier winter experience in exceptional surroundings. Forty km of groomed trails through varied terrain offer a challenge to all skill levels. Other winter recreation available includes snowshoeing, sledding, tobogganing, ski joring, horse-drawn sleigh rides and wildlife viewing. The B Bar is a winter adventure for the whole family!

Accommodations are spacious A-frame cabins which sleep four, or rooms and suites in the Lodge which sleep two to four. All have private bathrooms. Gourmet meals are prepared and served in the Lodge. Capacity at the B Bar is 34 people, which guarantees an uncrowded, personalized experience. Evenings are spent in the "Big Room," playing games, reading or just enjoying the company. You may want to relax in our outdoor hot tub after a day on the trails. All facilities are smoke free.

Open from December 19 through February 28; call for rates and availability.

The trails at the B Bar are open to the public, only on weekends, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and are reserved exclusively for our residential guests at all other times.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BOHART RANCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER

Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bozeman on MT 86 in Bridger Canyon, adjacent to Bridger Bowl Ski Area, offers 25 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized private and Forest Service cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding, frisbee golf and Summer Biathlon, which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historical Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of old Montana.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THE GALLATIN GATEWAY INN

Experience the diversity of winter in Montana at the historical Gallatin Gateway Inn, 12 miles southwest of Bozeman on US 191. Nestled in the heart of the Gallatin Valley, the Inn is perfectly located between Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort and Bridger Bowl Ski Area, as well as near outstanding cross-country ski trails. If you are looking for the best of both worlds, skiing the "cold smoke" of Bridger Bowl or the vertical slopes of Big Sky, the Gallatin Gateway Inn is the ideal accommodation for your vacation. As an alternative to alpine skiing, we can arrange a snowmobile trip or a guided wildlife viewing tour of Yellowstone National Park.

Built in 1927 by the Chicago-Milwaukee Railroad, the Inn has become a gathering place for visitors and locals. After a great day of winter activities, enjoy the exquisite cuisine of Chef Scott Burton in both the elegant Historic Dining Room and the casual Baggage Room Pub. Enjoy a glass of wine in front of a romantic fire in the grand fireplace lounge or watch the stars while relaxing in our outdoor jacuzzi. Join us for a wonderful winter getaway. We look forward to meeting you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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MOUNTAIN TIMBERS WILDERNESS LODGE

Tucked in the heart of the Rocky Mountains of northwest Montana is Mountain Timbers—a magnificent hand-hewn hideaway that provides serenity, game watching and spectacular vistas into Glacier National Park.

Mountain Timbers' 245 forested acres contain 15 km of professionally designed cross-country ski trails and access to national forests and Glacier Park, just seven miles away. You may see deer, elk, moose, bear and cougar, whether you choose foot power, mountain bikes, snowshoes or skis.

Fishermen will find the confluence of the North and Middle forks of the Flathead River one mile away. The entrance to the Canyon Creek Snowmobile Trail is minutes from the Lodge, and downhill skiing at The Big Mountain is 25 miles away.

When you return to our spacious lodge, built from 80-foot logs, you'll find a massive rock and stone fireplace, comfortable sitting area, fully stocked library and views of 10,000-ft. peaks in Glacier Park. You'll enjoy ending your day with a game of pool, a video or a soak in our jacuzzi. After a relaxing night's sleep under a cozy down comforter, you'll awaken the next morning to a country-style breakfast.

Open year-round, Mountain Timbers is convenient to Glacier International Airport as well as two wilderness areas, whitewater rafting, canoeing, fishing, backpacking, hiking, horseback riding, golfing and even restaurants and shopping.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. The impatient crowds and harried pace of summer are gone. Large numbers of animals have slowly moved down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins. Now is the time to see Yellowstone at its best.

Yellowstone Alpen Guides offers daily tours aboard warm, comfortable, ten-passenger traditional snowcoaches and new snowvans.

Alpen Guides is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Fly into Bozeman and rent a car, or relax and enjoy the 90-mile trip through scenic Gallatin Canyon on one of the regularly scheduled bus trips from Bozeman to West Yellowstone. Access is easy from Big Sky via private car or regularly scheduled bus service.

Tours depart daily at 9 a.m. from mid-December through early March for all-day snowcoach adventures and skier drops to Old Faithful or the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Package tours specializing in wildlife viewing or cross-country skiing with overnights in Yellowstone are available. A full line of summer tours and activities also offered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS

Let us show you the finest way to experience a true Yellowstone winter—at a skier's pace from our Yurt Camp.

Explore the backcountry of Yellowstone National Park with a ski guide on our five-day tours. Tours are based from the Yurt Camp at the Grand Canyon with private sleeping huts. You can enjoy comfort and hospitality, naturalist guides, gourmet meals, and an after-ski sauna and shower.

From Canyon Skiers Yurt Camp we provide guided snowcoach shuttles to trailheads. Choose your destination for the day: ski tour the rim of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and gaze at waterfalls, try the Mt. Washburn tour and telemark day, or explore the sights, sounds and smells of several back-country thermal basins. Enjoy spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing, photography and skiing!

Or join us for a snowcoach sight-seeing day trip from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful or Canyon, with abundant wildlife viewing and guided thermal basin exploration.

Authorized concessioner of the National Park Service. Member Cross-Country Ski Areas Association.

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK LODGES

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On the banks of the Yellowstone River, rimmed by majestic mountains, our charming and spacious home offers quiet, comfortable guest rooms, each with private bath and large relaxing parlor. Or choose our log cabin with kitchen on 28 acres. We promise a good night's sleep, delicious home-cooked breakfasts and friendly Montana hospitality. Share our heaven on earth in Paradise.

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TIPS TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK.

• Season: mid-December to April, but can vary.

• Expect early season powder, late season hardpack.

• Be prepared for wide temperature ranges; usual temperatures are in the 20s and 30s (Fahrenheit).

• Snow: 1 to 3 feet at lower elevations, 6 to 15 feet up higher.

• Snowmobiles on public lands must display a registration decal; snowmobiles registered in other states are not required to display a Montana registration decal. For unregistered snowmobiles, a non-resident, temporary-use permit is required.

• Driver's license required if you ride on plowed streets open to snowmobile traffic. Or, you must have a safety certificate and travel with an adult.

• All motorized vehicles are prohibited from operating in federally designated wilderness areas. It is the rider's responsibility to know his or her location at all times.

Non-resident permits and safety certificate requirements: MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks Dept., 406-444-2535.

Montana snowmobiling info: Montana Snowmobile Association, Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806.

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THE REASONS TO SNOWMOBILE HERE JUST KEEP PILING UP.

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We have snowmobile trails that will get your heart pumping. But is that pumping caused by the challenging ride, or the scenic beauty? Probably a little of both. Montana has some of the longest and most scenic groomed trails in America. Thanks in part to the efforts of the Montana Snowmobiling Association (MSA), we have 3,700 miles of grooming. The MSA is a group of individuals, snowmobile clubs and businesses dedicated to making snowmobiling safe and fun for everyone. They're also dedicated to making sure Montana has plenty of snowmobiling terrain, although Mother Nature plays a big part in that, too—in addition to the groomed areas, we have hundreds of miles of backcountry open to snowmobiles.

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LEGEND

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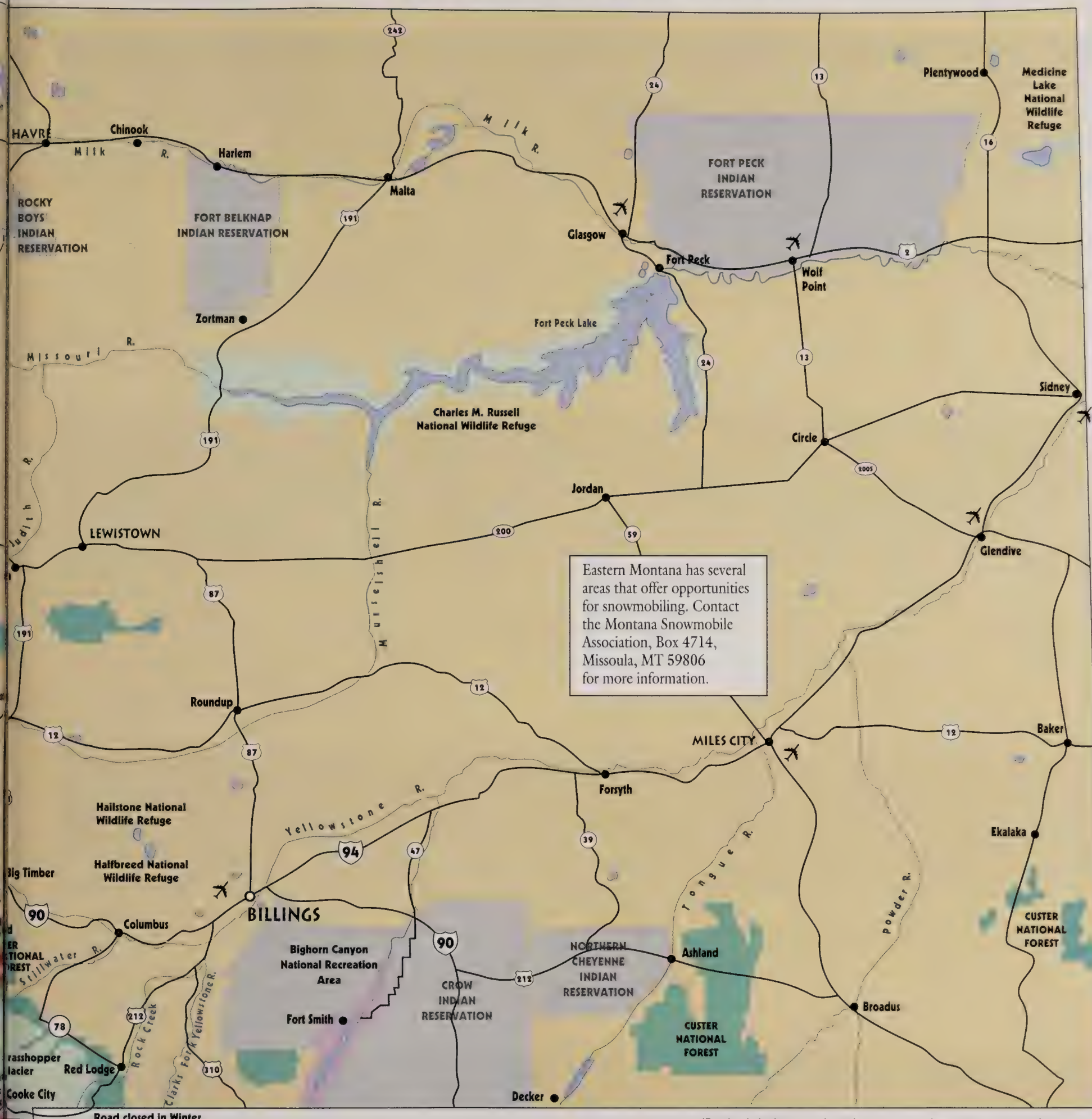
- Cities
- Towns
- National Forests
- Wilderness Areas
- Continental Divide
- Lakes and Waterways
- National Parks
- Indian Reservations
- Interstate Marker
- U.S. Numbered Marker
- State Route Marker
- Major Airports
- Ghost Town or Early Mining Camp
- Snowmobile Area
- Snowmobile Area - National Forest

Map provided for general information only. Consult the Montana Official Highway Map for accurate and detailed information.

SNOWMOBILING AREAS



Eastern Montana has several areas that offer opportunities for snowmobiling. Contact the Montana Snowmobile Association, Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806 for more information.

(For detailed information about these areas, see charts on pages 36-41.)

1. CUT BANK
2. FLATHEAD VALLEY
   (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell)
3. HAUGAN/THOMPSON PASS
4. KOOTENAI COUNTRY
5. LOLO PASS
6. MISSION MOUNTAINS
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11. GARNET
12. GEORGETOWN LAKE
13. HELENA
14. LINCOLN
15. VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS
16. WISDOM/JACKSON/SULA
17. WISE RIVER
18. BUTTE
19. BIG TIMBER
20. BOZEMAN/BIG SKY
21. COOKE CITY/SILVER GATE
22. LIVINGSTON
23. WEST YELLOWSTONE
24. KINGS HILL/LITTLE BELTS

SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
CUT BANK 1	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on US 2. Amtrak has scheduled east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from intermediate to expert, on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes, avalanches and sudden storms make for extreme weather conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	38 miles
FLATHEAD VALLEY (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell) 2	The Flathead Valley encompasses the communities of Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Kalispell and Bigfork in northwest Montana and can be accessed via US 93 and US 2. Air service is centrally located at Glacier Park International Airport (FCA). Amtrak has regular east-west rail service to Whitefish, just minutes from trailheads.	Northwest Montana's Recreation Wonderland boasts over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, with nearly 2,000 miles of U.S.D.A. Forest Service roads that take you into great hill climbing, powder play areas, wildlife viewing and spectacular ridgetop views of Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Add to that more than 4,000 acres of skiing at The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort, ample cross-country skiing, ice fishing, ice skating and dog sledding and you have a true winter playground.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	220 miles
HAUGAN/ THOMPSON PASS 3	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana, 90 miles west of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles east of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia and Saltese with designated trails, open meadows, scenic views and abundant wildlife.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'; Cooper Creek, Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	150 miles
KOOTENAI COUNTRY 4	The northwest corner of the state is where you'll find Kootenai Country. Nearest airports are Kalispell (65 miles from Eureka, 90 miles from Libby) and Spokane (160 miles from Libby). Libby and Eureka also have smaller airports.	The mountains of Kootenai Country provide breathtaking views and hours of recreation. After a day of snowmobiling in the Cabinet and Purcell mountains (via US 2), pull into Troy or the Scandinavian town of Libby and enjoy the flavor of these quaint towns. On the northeast side of Kootenai Country (via US 93), Eureka, Trego and Fortine offer historic views of small town life in Montana.	Libby, 2,066'; trails to 5,800'; Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	153 miles
LOLO PASS 5	Lolo Pass is on US 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass seven miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	250 miles
MISSION MOUNTAINS 6	Ronan is between Missoula and Kalispell on US 93 in western Montana. Nearest airports are Missoula, 55 miles south and Kalispell, 65 miles north.	Few people are content merely to look at the Mission Mountains. Maybe more than any other mountain range in Montana, these jagged peaks beckon visitors to come closer and explore. Because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation, snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the Mission Mountains Wilderness Area.	Ronan, 3,200'; trails to 7,000'	45 miles
SEELEY LAKE 7	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
HAMILTON/ SKALKAHO 8	Access to the Skalkaho snowmobile area is two miles south of Hamilton, then 15 miles east on Skalkaho Hwy 38. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on US 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is in Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	56 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are **Two Medicine, Skyland** and **Pike Creek.** These are rugged trails on the Lewis & Clark and Flathead national forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile service and rentals, lodging and food are available at Essex, 15 miles west on US 2; lodging and food at East Glacier, 12 miles east.	**Cut Bank Snowgoers,** Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427; **Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce,** Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041; **Lewis & Clark National Forest,** 1101 15th St. N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; **Rocky Mountain Ranger District,** Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
Canyon Creek to The Big Mountain begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the **Olney Creek** and **Taylor Creek** trails. Continuing north, the **Graves Creek/Mount Marston** trail system goes over the Whitefish Mountain Range to upper Whitefish and Red Meadow lakes. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the **Desert Mountain** area and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, are the **Crane Mountain** and **Allard** areas.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Great lodging facilities are located in each community and range from bed & breakfasts, cabins, condos, lodges and ranches to small, independent motels and deluxe, full-service hotels/convention centers.	**Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau (FCVB),** 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-543-3105. Call the FCVB for a **free trail guide** and information on **Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Whitefish, Flathead Snowmobile Association, South Fork Snowmobile Association** and **Flathead National Forest**.
In Haugan, popular groomed trails on the Lolo National Forest are **Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Milwaukee/Dominion, Deer Creek/Up Up and Taft Summit.** These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow waterline routes and provide loop tours with access to meadows and play area.	Fuel, food and lodging are available in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls. Snowmobile rentals and full service in Haugan.	**Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club,** Box 420035, Haugan, MT 59842, 406-678-4242; **Superior Ranger District,** Lolo National Forest, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; **Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce,** Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930
Several groomed trails are available throughout Kootenai Country. Of special note is the rugged **Keeler-Rattle** trail system, giving views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness; the 60 miles of loop trails in the **Purcell Mountains**; and the **Pete Creek Trail** traveling into mountain bowls and alpine lakes. The **Grave Creek/Ten Lakes** trail begins at the Birch Creek Recreation Site parking facility and leads into the northeast corner of Kootenai Country.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka, Fortine and Trego. Snowmobile services and sales are available in Eureka and Libby.	**Libby Ranger Dist., Kootenai Nt'l. Forest,** 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773; **Three Rivers Ranger Dist., Kootenai Nt'l. Forest,** 1437 N. US 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693; **Fortine Ranger Dist.,** Box 116, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451; **Rexford Ranger Dist., Kootenai National Forest,** 1299 US 93 N., Eureka, MT 59917, 406-296-2536; **Libby Chamber of Commerce,** Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-4167; **Lincoln Cty. Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club,** 1001 MT 37 N., Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8142; **Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club,** Box 131, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4474.
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. **East Fork, Lost Park System, Elk Meadows** and **Moose Ridge** are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging, swimming and RV camping are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile rentals, sales and service, are available in Missoula.	**Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest,** Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; **Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest,** Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113; **Missoula Snowgoers,** Box 2441, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-4558; **Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau,** 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
The **Boulder Trail** starts just off MT 35 near Finley Point on Flathead Lake; the first 10 miles are groomed to the top of the range, where the trail connects with nearly 60 miles of ungroomed trails through forest openings. The ungroomed **Jocko Lake Trail** provides a 35-mile ride over the Missions that connects with groomed trails on the Seeley Lake side.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in Ronan. The nearest rentals are in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Guided tours may be arranged through the Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club in Ronan. A wide variety of food and lodging services are available throughout the Mission and Flathead valleys.	**Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club,** 112 Main St. S.W., Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5000
Popular trails include **Double Arrow Lookout,** with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; **Elsina Lake,** site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile Club; **Seeley Lake-Ovando,** a favorite for those who like to dine and dash; **Marshall Lake,** a scenic 15-mile loop and **Holland Lake,** a high elevation ride that rewards its finishers with a friendly lodge and cabins on a beautiful lake.	Snowmobile sales, service, guides and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Lodging available at Holland Lake Lodge. Limited services are available on the trail.	**Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest,** HC31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233; **Seeley Lake Driftriders,** Box 1019, Seeley Lake, MT 59868; **Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce,** Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880; **Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau,** 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
Skalkaho Pass Area offers 25 miles of groomed trails. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. **The Skalkaho-Sleeping Child-Rye Creek Area** has 31 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	**Bitterroot National Forest Office,** 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3131; **Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest,** Box 388, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; **Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce,** 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400; **Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club,** Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-4689

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AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
DEER LODGE 9	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in westcentral Montana. Accessed from I-90. Nearest airport is Butte.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	40 miles
DILLON/ POLARIS 10	33 miles northwest of Dillon, off Route 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valley region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	200 miles
GARNET 11	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either MT 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	Less than a century ago, a prosperous gold mining town that boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops and homes for more than a thousand residents. Today, thanks to the Garnet Preservation Association and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, a 100-mile trail system has opened the town to snowmobilers and skiers, providing a link to an important era in the development of the Rocky Mountain West. Enjoy spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Pintler Range.	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	100 miles
GEORGETOWN LAKE 12	Pintler Scenic Route (MT 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing, downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake and fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	120 miles
HELENA 13	Helena is at the junction of I-15, US 12 and US 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or US 287 north-south or US 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns, high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	245 miles
LINCOLN 14	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Route 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse, then explore more than 250 miles of groomed trails and unlimited play areas. Eight major trails start right in town where sledding is permitted on the streets. Most trails are lightly traveled, with breathtaking views around every turn. Deer, elk and an occasional moose may be seen.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	250 miles
VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS 15	Ennis is on US 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on US 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
WISDOM/ JACKSON/SULA 16	Junction of MT 43 and Route 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, assuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
The snowmobile trailhead is eight miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 88 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White House Campground and other points of interest.	Food, lodging, fuel and vehicle repair in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile repair in Butte, 40 miles east.	**Deer Lodge Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest,** #1 Hollenback Rd., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 406-846-1770; **Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club,** Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Trails to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the **Wisdom/Jackson** trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom/Jackson) and head north to the **Wise River** trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to **Reservoir Lake** you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging, fuel, guide service, snowmobile and clothing rentals available at Polaris. Food, lodging, fuel, snowmobile sales and service available in Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins at Bear and Reservoir lakes. Cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing nearby.	**Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest,** 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-3900; **Beaverhead Sno-Riders,** Box 867, Dillon, MT 59825, 406-683-6333 or 406-683-2205
The core of this trail system is the 31.5-mile **Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail,** which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area. Secondary trails, including **First Chance Gulch, Top O'Deep, Chamberlain Creek,** take recreationists to higher elevations.	There are no commercial services in Garnet. Cabin rentals are available (during winter only) through the Garnet Preservation Association. A full range of services, including snowmobile sales, rentals and service, are available in Missoula, 30 miles west on MT 200 and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Garnet.	**Garnet Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management,** 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3914; **Garnet Preservation Association,** Box 8531, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-1031; **Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau,** 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
Three major trail systems include **East Fork**, west of Georgetown Lake, which offers popular family snowmobiling with views of the Anaconda Pintler Mountains; **Red Lion**, east of Georgetown Lake, which offers more challenging riding with an ever-present deep snowpack; and **Blodgett**, south of Georgetown Lake, which offers family touring with a snow shelter for picnics and cookouts. Other popular trails include **Peterson Meadows, Montgomery Ridge, Windy Ridge, Storm Lake, Happy Creek, Warm Springs and Hidden Lake.**	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda.	**Philipsburg Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest,** Box H, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-3211; **Anaconda Snowmobile Club**, 250 Arrowhead Lane, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-2918
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30-minute drive of Helena. The **Marysville** area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the **Minnehaha-Rimini** area with 120 miles of groomed trails. Northeast of Helena, there are 45 miles of groomed trails in the **Magpie-Sunshine** area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	**Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest,** 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5490; **Helena Snowdrifters,** 1813 N. Oakes, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-2685; **Helena Chamber of Commerce,** 225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120
Popular trails include scenic **Huckleberry Pass**, a tree-lined route with several play areas which connects to the Seeley Lake trail system; **Keep Cool**, a scenic lake tour; **Stonewall Mountain**, an advanced ride with spectacular views; **Dalton Mountain**, an easy trail with play areas; and **Alice Creek**, scenic territory with play areas. There are a few restricted areas, lots of play areas and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, rentals, licensed guide services, lodging, food and fuel are all available in Lincoln. Join the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club at their heated clubhouse for poker runs, moonlight rides and picnics all season long.	**Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest,** Box 785, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-369-4140; **Ponderosa Snow Warriors,** Box 955, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4078 or 406-362-4335; **Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce,** P.O. Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4949
The 54-mile **Gravelly Range** trail system in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest follows Alder Gulch Canyon and leads you to old mining claims and the ghost town of Summit City. Side trips include the **Bachelor Creek Loop**, **Clover Meadows** and **Axolotl Lake**. Experienced snowmobilers may sled to seven high mountain lakes with high rock faces in the **Meadow Creek** area. **Antelope Basin/MT 87** can be accessed from Cliff Lake Lodge for 75 miles of groomed trail.	Food, fuel and lodging, snowmobile rentals and service available in Ennis. Bed & breakfast in Virginia City.	**Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest,** 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-4253; **Madison Valley Snow Snakes,** Box 106, Cameron, MT 59720, 406-682-7152; **Outback and Beyond Trail Club,** Box 1314, Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-7335; **Vigilante Snowmobilers,** Box 145, Virginia City, MT 59755, 406-843-5484 or 406-682-7755
Join the popular **Wise River-Polaris Trail** (see Dillon/Polaris) and **Wise River** trails (see Wise River) or the **Steel Creek** trails just east of Wisdom or head west on the **Gibbonsville Road,** which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The **Placer Creek Trail** crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the **Stewart Meadow Complex** in this system.	Food, lodging and fuel in Wisdom and Jackson. Snowmobile sales and service in Jackson.	**Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest,** Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243; **Big Hole Snowmobile Club,** Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3400; **Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest,** 7338 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 406-821-3201

SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
WISE RIVER 17	MT 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River. The Wise River—Elkhorn Hot Spring National Recreation Snowmobile Trail connects Wise River with the Grasshopper Valley.	Wise River, 5,500'; trails to 9,400'	150 miles
BUTTE 18	Butte is at the junction of Interstate 90 and Interstate 15. Use either highway or fly into Bert-Mooney Airport.	Nestled on the Continental Divide, Butte is minutes away from some of southwest Montana's best snowmobiling. Only 10 miles from the Elk Park trail system that also ties into the Deer Lodge trail system. Only 18 miles from the Fleecer riding area and only 40 miles from the Wise River area. Butte is 45 miles from the Georgetown Lake Recreation Area.	Butte, 5,200'; Elk Park, 6,500'; Fleecer, 6500+'	52 miles in Elk Park
BIG TIMBER 19	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in southcentral Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 60 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence and over 25 miles of groomed trail south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful roaded corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber, 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	34 miles
BOZEMAN/ BIG SKY 20	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or US 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
COOKE CITY/ SILVER GATE 21	Extreme southcentral Montana on US 212. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 140 miles northwest on I-90, US 89 and Mammoth-Cooke City Hwy. Car access is through northern Yellowstone National Park. US 212, east of Cooke City, is closed in winter.	A friendly community of "80 people, dogs, moose and an occasional bison." Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
LIVINGSTON 22	Junction of I-90 and US 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges–the Absarokas and the Crazies–provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	44.5 miles
WEST YELLOWSTONE/ GARDINER 23	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of US 191/287 and US 20. Gardiner is on US 89 north of Yellowstone. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 200 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside. The town of Gardiner is just outside the park's North Entrance, which is another access point to park trails.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	600 miles
KINGS HILL/ LITTLE BELTS 24	US 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on US 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area and the trailheads to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains 65 miles south of Great Falls. Great hill climbing and challenging ungroomed trails await more experienced snowmobilers, with gentle groomed loops set up for the new riders and the families who enjoy getting out to ride in the clear crisp air of our beautiful Big Sky country.	7,000' at parking lot; trails 6,000' to 8,000'	225 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Trails include **Quartz Hill,** leading to a massive, high plateau; **Anderson Meadows**, which leads to backcountry lakes and meadow play areas. **Pettengill** travels eight miles to Pettengill Falls. **Lacy Creek** has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Other trails are **Bryant Creek** and the **Highline** and a cabin rental.	Snowmobile service in Wise River. Fuel, food and lodging in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polaris trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club.	**Wise River Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest,** Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3178; **Wise River Jackpine Savages,** Box 65, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3258
Elk Park trails offer a 52-mile loop through the **Lowlands** and **Lockhart** areas with groomed family trails and some open play areas. This loop connects with the **Deer Lodge Trail** system for extending riding areas. A convenient parking area with easy access is just 2 miles off Interstate 90.	All services are available in Butte, from hotels, motels, restaurants, entertainment and shopping. Full-service dealerships for all major brands are waiting to serve you in Butte. Rentals are available in the Georgetown Lake area.	**Butte Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest,** 1820 Meadowlark, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-2147; **Jefferson Ranger District,** 3 Whitehall Rd., Whitehall, MT 59759. **High Country Trail Riders,** Box 473, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-8442
Two trails provide plenty of variety in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. The 25-mile **Boulder Canyon Trail** takes snowmobilers to bowls, meadows and the abandoned mining town of Independence. The upper seven miles are moderate to difficult. Shorter and easier is the **East Boulder-Dry Fork Trail** with extensive play areas along its seven-mile length.	Snowmobile sales and service, food and lodging are available in Big Timber.	**Big Timber Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5155; **Sweet Grass County Recreation Association,** Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5319
Included in the system is the 120-mile **Big Sky Snowmobile Trail** between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. **Buck Creek Ridge,** off US 191 south of Big Sky, provides miles of excellent play area. Forest Service rental cabin on top of Yellow Creek Divide. North of town are the **Brackett-Fairy Lake** and **Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge** trails.	A full range of services is available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon. Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky. Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association.	**Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** 10 East Babcock, Bozeman, MT 59771, 406-587-6701; **Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association,** 409 S. Grand, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-3437; **Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce,** Box B, 1205 E. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-5421
Popular connecting trails are **Daisy Pass Road, Lulu Pass Road, Round Lake** and **Henderson Mountain.** The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, lodging and food are available in Cooke City. Guided tours may be arranged through the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club.	**Gardiner Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375; **Yellowstone National Park,** WY, 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206; **Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club,** Box 39, Silver Gate, MT 59081, 406-838-2212 or 406-838-2414; Cooke City/Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce, Box 1071, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2495
20-mile **Shields Loop**, with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 7.5-mile **Cottonwood Trail**; the **Ibex Cabin Trail**, also with Forest Service cabin rental; the **Mill Creek** and the **Rock Creek South**, with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston. Rentals are available in Gardiner and at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park, about an hour south of Livingston on US 89. For trail information, contact Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club.	**Livingston Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** 5242 US 89 S., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1892; **Big Sky Snowriders,** 318 S. 5th St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1863 or 406-222-2676; **Livingston Chamber of Commerce,** 208 W. Park St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-0850
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the **Grand Loop**, which takes you to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, Norris Geyser Basin and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin, Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Targhee forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner. Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available.	**West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce,** Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7701; **Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369; **Yellowstone National Park,** WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206
Popular loop trails are **Divide Road, Kings Hill** and **Big Loop,** all with big powder play areas, unforgettable panoramic views and fun side trails for all levels of riders. Other popular trails are **Deadman, Lamb Creek** and **Jumping Creek.** Joining Kings Hill from the east is the **Little Belt Trail** that follows the South Fork of the Judith and includes the large hill climbing/play area of Musselshell Hill.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging in Great Falls and Lewistown. Snowmobile rentals and lunch at Showdown. Fuel, food and lodging in Lewistown, White Sulphur Springs, Monarch and Neihart. Guided tours available. A parking area, large enough to accommodate RVs is located on US 89, with overflow parking in the area as well.	**Kings Hill Ranger District, Lewis & Clark National Forest,** 204 West Folsom, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361; **Great Falls Snowmobile Club,** Box 6032, Great Falls, MT 59406; **Little Belt Snowmobile Club**, Box 355, Hobson, MT 59452 or 648 N.E. Washington, Lewistown, MT 59457

Snowmobiling information in this guide was provided by the following: the Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. 32nd, Billings, MT 59107, 406-255-2938; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, 406-444-2535; the Montana Snowmobile Association, P.O. Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806; and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service-Northern Region, Federal Building, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-329-3511

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LOCATION

West Yellowstone is centrally located between Yellowstone Park's snowmobile trail system and a vast network of trails outside the park. From Big Sky, the drive is only about an hour on US 191.

SEASON

Snowmobiling outside the park generally runs from December 1 to April 1. Inside the park, the season runs from about mid-December to mid-March.

TOTAL AREA

In addition to the park's 3,400 square miles of terrain, West Yellowstone provides access to thousands of square miles of terrain on national forests in Montana and Idaho.

TRAILS

Inside the park, snowmobiles are confined to 180 miles of groomed trails. Outside the park, there are more than 400 miles of trails on national forest lands in Montana and Idaho. All snowmobile trails inside and outside of Yellowstone Park are marked, groomed and patrolled.

LODGING

Sleep next door to Yellowstone Park at the City Center Motel or the Pony Express Motel. Both are right in West Yellowstone and offer comfortable accommodations near restaurants and other services. Meeting room, health club and hot tub available at City Center Motel. Call 800-742-0665 for reservations and information.

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LOCATION

The Rich Ranch is located in western Montana, eight miles off MT 200 and 12 miles southeast of Seeley Lake. We provide complimentary shuttle service from the airport in Missoula (60 miles), served by Delta and Northwest airlines.

FACILITIES

The cedar/log lodge and cabins are nestled in the trees overlooking a large natural meadow with a backdrop of majestic mountains. Spacious guest rooms each have private bath, gas fireplace, refrigerator, VCR, covered decks and plenty of hanging space to dry out your gear at night. All meals are served buffet-style at the lodge, which makes a warm, inviting place to gather and swap stories at day's end. Then count the stars while soaking in our outdoor hot tub.

TRAILS

The ranch is surrounded by more than one million acres of state and national forest for you to enjoy. Elevations range from 4000' to 8500', with more than a thousand miles of groomed, secondary and mountaineering trails for every level of riding ability. Lunch rides to the surrounding communities of Seeley Lake, Lincoln, Ovando, Holland Lake and the Garnet ghost town are popular day trips. Mountain meadows and hillside play areas start within 10 minutes of your cabin door. Our rural country setting gives everyone from beginner to expert plenty of untracked open spaces to tour and play.

SEASON

The Rich Ranch is open for snowmobile groups from mid-December through mid-March. Snow depths average 3–4 feet at the Ranch, with up to 12 feet in the higher elevations. During the summer we also offer traditional ranch vacations for horseback riding, fishing and outdoor adventure.

GUIDED TOURS/RENTALS

We offer our guests a full-service vacation which includes lodging, meals and guide service. You can bring your own snowmobile or rent one locally (Polaris and Arctic Cat). We will use our 25+ years of snowmobiling experience to give you a safe and enjoyable Montana adventure vacation.

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LOCATION

On the Gallatin River and US 191, 50 miles S of Bozeman and 36 miles N of West Yellowstone. Fly Northwest, Delta, Skywest or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Special airfares and airport shuttle service available.

FACILITIES

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SNOWMOBILING

Situated at the Buffalo Horn Creek trailhead and surrounded by national forest, the 320 provides convenient access to hundreds of miles of trails stretching from the Big Sky area to West Yellowstone and beyond. Snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park is accessible through the West Yellowstone entrance. Bring your own snowmobile or rent one when you arrive.

WINTER SLEIGH RIDES

Join Percheron draft horses Molly and Dusty for a starlit Montana evening sleigh ride along the Gallatin River. Warm yourself by a crackling log fire, enjoy refreshments served up by our cowboys at an authentic mountain man campsite, and cap the evening with a sumptuous feast in the original 320 Ranch homestead, now the historical restaurant and saloon.

OTHER WINTER ACTIVITIES

Whatever your pleasure in winter sports, you will find it here. There's downhill skiing at Big Sky Ski Resort, cross-country skiing in the backcountry or on groomed trail systems at Big Sky and West Yellowstone, snowcoach tours in Yellowstone National Park, dog sled adventures, wildlife/naturalist tours, fishing, hunting, snowshoeing and more.

RESERVATIONS

Nightly and package rates available.

FACILITIES

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TRAILS

This northwest Montana region offers over 370 miles of groomed trails with unlimited play areas for both the beginner and the experienced snowmobiler. The more experienced rider's dreams will come true in the Grave Creek/Ten Lakes Area, which offers spectacular mountain lakes, mountain-top vistas, climbing bowls, powder parks and uncongested trails.

LOCATION

Tucker's Inn is located in the northwest corner of Montana, off of US Hwy. 93, near the sleepy little town of Trego which is 35 miles north of Whitefish and 24 miles south of the Canadian border. Tucker's Inn is centrally located between The Big Mountain ski resort in Whitefish, Montana and Fernie Alpine ski resort in Fernie, BC Canada. Let Tucker's Inn be your hub for winter adventures in two countries! Less than one hour away is Glacier International Airport, which is serviced by Delta, Northwest, West Jet-Canada and Horizon airlines. Many guests also utilize the airports in Spokane, Washington and Calgary, Canada. Amtrak service is available to Whitefish.

VACATION PACKAGES

Full snowmobile and ski packages are offered in the winter. Other activities available include sleigh rides, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing and dog sledding. Dude ranch and fishing packages are offered in the summer. Other activities available include tours of Glacier National Park, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, hiking and wildlife viewing, golf, rock climbing, swimming, jet skiing, historical/heritage tours, horseback riding and chuckwagon dinners.

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LOCATION

West Yellowstone is the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, located on Montana's southern border near Wyoming and Idaho. Fly into Bozeman. Convenient daily bus service available for the 90-mile drive through beautiful Gallatin Canyon.

SEASON

Yellowstone National Park is open to snowmobile traffic (no automobiles allowed except for short northern routes) from mid-December through early March. Snowmobiling in the surrounding national forests is available earlier and later.

TOTAL AREA

Snowmobiles are permitted only on groomed trails within Yellowstone's 3,400 square miles. In the national forests, riding is allowed both on and off trails on additional thousands of square miles.

TRAILS

Yellowstone National Park has more than 200 miles of well-marked and patrolled trails. An additional 250 miles outside of the park in Montana interconnect with hundreds of miles groomed by the state of Idaho.

GUIDE SERVICE

Full-day starting at $200 per guide per day.

INSTRUCTION

Non-snowmobilers are encouraged to come! Machine operation is simple. Full instruction given to each person renting a snowmobile.

VACATION PACKAGES

Full snowmobile packages, beginning day of your choice, include lodging, use of snowmobile, guide service, rental snowmobile clothing and one prime rib dinner. Packages start at four nights/three days and may be combined with discounted airfare. For reservations, contact your travel agent or Yellowstone Tour and Travel.

LODGING

Comfortable accommodations in West Yellowstone at The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel and Three Bear Lodge/ Restaurant. Fully carpeted rooms feature color/cable television, room phones and full baths, some with in-room jacuzzis. Each property has whirlpools and swimming pool.

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We have a wide selection of rental snowmobiles featuring Arctic Cat, Yamaha and Polaris. Choose from 15 different models, from standard through high performance. Machines are equipped with handwarmers and many with luggage racks. Our wide selection allows guests to choose the model that fits their budget on either a single- or double-riding machine. Discounts (except holiday periods) offered to guests having a valid ski lift ticket from any Montana ski area. Daily round-trip bus service operates from Big Sky Ski Resort, 50 miles north. Snowmobile suit, boots, gloves, helmet and stocking pullover face mask at $17 per day. All rates subject to 3 percent tax.

SNOWCOACH TOURING

New, heated 12-passenger vans have been converted to snowcoaches with skis instead of tires for smooth gliding over the snow. This is a great way to see Yellowstone, its animals and geological formations in winter. Bring cold-weather clothes and boots for brief walks to points of interest and to lunch breaks at restaurants. Trips are available to Old Faithful and to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

BIG WESTERN PINE MOTEL

Every season presents a new Yellowstone to be explored and enjoyed. Sightseeing, fishing, horseback riding, boating and river rafting in the summer. Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowcoach and dog sledding excitement in the winter. Spectacular colors in the fall and the magical rebirth of spring.

Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at the Big Western Pine. Comfortable beds, phones, cable TV and tub/shower combinations provide relaxing evening accommodations. Kitchenettes are available. Play in the large heated pool in the summer. Indulge in a long soak in the hot tub, or get toasty in our large sauna by Finlandia year-round.

The Rustler's Roost Restaurant will tempt your appetite with wild game entrees and just plain good cooking. Spectacular mountain views add to your dining pleasure. Enjoy the pleasant decor and cocktails at the Rustler's Roost Lounge for just that extra bit of relaxation.

Think of us when planning your winter getaway. We offer new snowmobiles every season, clothing, guide service and complete snowmobile packages.

Open year-round, the Big Western Pine is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Big Western Pine Motel
P.O. Box 67
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-646-7622 or 406-646-7622
Fax: 406-646-9443

DOUBLE ARROW RESORT

The Main Lodge, overlooking a spacious meadow, offers a spectacular view of both the Mission Mountains to the east and the Swan Range to the west. Snowmobile right from your cozy room or cabin and enjoy easy access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Rentals available.

Ski across the meadow and through our scenic golf course on groomed trails. Rentals available.

Dog sled rides offer you the chance to be a "musher" for a day. Ride in the sled. Feel the spirit of the huskies.

After a hard day at play, enjoy a leisurely swim in our pool or soak in the jacuzzi. Sit by the fire and enjoy a drink from our full-service lounge.

Seasons Restaurant offers fine dining in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Summer activities include golf, horseback rides, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, hiking and watercraft rentals on Seeley Lake.

Double Arrow Resort offers a variety of lodging options—rooms in the Main Lodge, rooms in cabins, individual cabins and two full-sized lodges. New conference facilities in 1997. Off-season winter rates.

Experience the ultimate Montana winter vacation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Double Arrow Resort
P.O. Box 747
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-468-0777 or 406-677-2777
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Web: www.doublearrowresort.com

NORTH FORTY RESORT

The North Forty Resort is the perfect place to spend your next Montana vacation. The resort typifies the lifestyle that Montana offers. Here in Whitefish, Montana you'll find laid-back living in deluxe mountain log cabins. The North Forty Resort has 22 private log cabins with hand-crafted furnishings by Montana artisans in a rustic decor. The log cabins include full kitchens, gas fireplaces and down comforters. There are two open-air hot tubs and a sauna, walking/cross-country ski trail, and a group meeting facility.

The Ponderosa and Larch cabins house up to five people each, while the Aspen Suite can house up to eight. The design of the Aspen Suite allows conversion into two smaller accommodations, the Aspen and the Aspen Room, each suitable for four people.

Each cabin has ample parking for snowmobilers, and our convenient location to hundreds of miles of trails brings folks back year after year.

The North Forty Resort is conveniently located on MT 40, just minutes from The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort (the largest ski resort in Montana), and air service is provided to Glacier Park International Airport just 10 miles away. Amtrak has daily connections into Whitefish from Seattle, Spokane and Minneapolis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

North Forty Resort
P.O. Box 4250
Whitefish, MT 59937
800-775-1740 or 406-862-7740
Fax: 406-862-7741
Web: www.northforty.com

SUMMIT SEEKERS SNOWMOBILE RENTALS

Summit Seekers Rentals, Inc., offers snowmobiling from our front door on sporty Ski-Doo® snowmobiles from December through March, usually into April. For added comfort, toasty warm suits and boots are available.

At 4,500 ft. elevation, Lincoln is tucked in the Rocky Mountains' pine-forested Blackfoot River Valley. Boasting more than 250 miles of groomed trails and limitless play areas, Lincoln is truly a snowmobiler's dream. Riders often snowmobile the entire day without seeing another person. Rugged Stonewall Mountain, at 8,270 ft., boasts panoramic views. McDonald Meadows offers wide open terrain, often with awesome powder. Scenic Huckleberry Pass Trail is a tree-trimmed, winter wonderland with numerous play areas. The list goes on, with something different and exciting around every curve.

The Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club maintains and grooms the entire trail system, and hosts a variety of snowmobiling activities throughout the season. Their clubhouse along the trail is a great place to warm your toes, have a snack and chat with local riders.

Most of the winter, snow covers the roadway shoulders in town, allowing riders to access businesses by snowmobile. Really hungry or just plain tired? Simply ride back into town to one of several restaurants, cozy motels or a variety of shops.

Join us to play in the powder, enjoy spectacular scenery and perhaps catch a glimpse of the area's wildlife. Reserve your shiny Ski-Doo® snowmobile early for an unforgettable winter experience. Remember to bring a camera!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Summit Seekers Rentals, Inc.
P.O. Box 487, Lincoln, MT 59639
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Fax: 406-362-4621
E-mail: sno4fun@linctel.net

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WEST YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE HOTEL/ HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT

Just minutes from the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel/Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort is the area's newest and most luxurious resort and conference facility.

It's the ideal headquarters for winter adventures in Yellowstone, offering complete snowmobile and clothing rentals, snowcoach tours and friendly, knowledgeable staff. All rentals are current model-year machines and come equipped with handwarmers. Rental/lodging packages are available.

The hotel offers 123 rooms, including luxurious King Spa Suites, Family Suites and handicap-accessible rooms. All rooms feature mini-fridges, microwaves, coffee makers and hairdryers. Guests also enjoy an indoor pool, exercise room, sauna and whirlpool.

Built to capture the turn-of-the-century elegance of transportation to Yellowstone, the hotel has restored the old 1903 Executive Car which once brought well-heeled visitors to the park on the Oregon Short Line Railroad. Old 1903 sits in all of its original elegance and glory to welcome you to the Oregon Short Line Restaurant and the Iron Horse Saloon. The restaurant, noted for its succulent Western cuisine, and the lively saloon form the heart of the West Yellowstone Conference Hotel's warm, Old Yellowstone ambiance.

The hotel also offers complete conference and meeting facilities. Pre- or post-conference tours of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area are a specialty.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The West Yellowstone Conference
Hotel/Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort
315 Yellowstone Avenue, P.O. Box 470
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-646-7365 or 406-646-7365 or
800-HOLIDAY Fax: 406-646-4433
E-mail: WYConferenceHotel@wyellowstone.com
Web: www.yellowstone-natl-park.com/wych.htm

YELLOWSTONE ADVENTURES

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Whether you are planning a trip to Yellowstone or just plan on taking a break from skiing at one of our nearby ski areas, please be sure to give us a call. Our experienced staff will be happy to assist you in planning your Yellowstone Winter Adventure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Yellowstone Adventures
131 Dunraven Street
P.O. Box 669
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-231-5991
406-646-7735
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LODGING/SERVICES

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Web: www.meadowlake.com

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Big Sky, MT 59730
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Web:www.gomontana.com/320guestranch.html

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Web: www.buckst4.com

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P.O. Box 160001, Big Sky, MT 59716
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800-548-4632 or 406-995-4848
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Best Western GranTree Inn. Located just off the interstate, a short 15-minute drive from Bridger Bowl and a 45-minute drive to Big Sky Ski Resort. Offering true Montana hospitality with full-service dining, lounge and casino, indoor pool and jacuzzi, laundry facility, plus 103 comfort-filled rooms. Special ski rates offered. Shuttle service to Bridger Bowl. Call for reservations or information.

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Web: www.grantreeinn.com

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Web: www.bozemandaysinn.com

Bridger Bowl. Bridger Bowl offers a 12-month reservation service to all out-of-town skiers. On-mountain lodges, private homes, condominiums and bed & breakfast inns are available for rent on a limited basis. Many are ski-accessible from the mountain. Reservations and ski package programs are available with many fine motels and bed & breakfast inns in Bozeman, just 20 minutes from Bridger Bowl. Shuttle $7/round trip.

15796 Bridger Canyon Rd.
Bozeman, MT 59715
800-223-9609 (US & Canada) or
406-586-1518, Fax: 406-586-1518
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GARDINER

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P.O. Box 268, Gardiner, MT 59030
800-228-5150 or 406-848-7536
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Fax: 406-848-7555

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P.O. Box 739, Gardiner, MT 59030
800-800-8000 (national reservations) or
406-848-7401, Fax: 406-848-9410
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Web: www.yellowstonesuper8.simplenet.com

Yellowstone Village Inn. North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, the only year-round entrance. Great view of Roosevelt Arch and the park. Three family condos, 43 spacious rooms (smoking/non-smoking) with queen beds, phones and cable TV, indoor heated pool, sauna and laundry. Snowmobile and cross-country ski rentals available. Guided ski and snowcoach tours into Yellowstone Park. Reasonable, discounted winter rates. AAA-approved.

P.O. Box 297, Gardiner, MT 59030
800-228-8158 or 406-848-7417, ext. 310
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PONNIE SKIING

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Exit 16, I-90 in Haugan, MT 59842
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P.O. Box 375, Lakeside, MT 59922
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Chico Hot Springs. Historic Chico Hot Springs Lodge sits on 154 acres at the base of the Rockies, just 30 miles north of Yellowstone National Park in Paradise Valley. A destination resort, Chico has 90 guest rooms, chalets and cabins offering large natural hot springs pools, horseback riding, fly fishing, dog sledding, whitewater rafting and a very strong children's program. Relax by the pool, dance in the saloon, read a book, or try our legendary dining room. Chico has something for everyone and we're dog friendly!

Drawer D, Pray, MT 59065
406-333-4933, Fax: 406-333-4694
E-mail: chico@mcn.net
Web: chicohotsprings.com

MISSOULA

4B's Inn & Conference Center. 158 rooms in two locations to serve your Missoula lodging needs. Our north location is close to Snowbowl Ski Area. Take advantage of our great hot tub and solarium areas. 4B's Conference Center has 12 meeting rooms; the largest will accommodate 250. We offer special rates for skiers and snowmobilers. We are surrounded by many entertainment and dining choices. Call for reservations and snow report.

800-272-9500
406-251-2665 (4B's South)
406-542-7550 (4B's North)
Fax: 406-251-5733

Gelandesprung Lodge. On-mountain accommodations—ski in and ski out. Opened the winter of 1997, the Gelandesprung Lodge is a 21-room hotel/hostel offering rooms with private or shared baths, hot tub and common kitchen. Two-day, two-night ski packages start at $75 per person (double occupancy) or you and your group (up to 36 people) can rent the whole lodge for $487 a night.

P.O. Box 8107, Missoula, MT 59807
800-728-2695 or 406-549-9777
Fax: 406-327-8614
E-mail: info@montanasnowbowl.com
Web: www.montanasnowbowl.com

Holiday Inn Missoula-Parkside. Beautiful full-service hotel located on the banks of the Clark Fork River in downtown Missoula. Indoor pool, weight room. Superb restaurant. Room service, lounge, jogging and walking trails adjacent. Full conference facilities for 450.

200 S. Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802
800-399-0408 or 406-721-8550
Fax: 406-728-3472
E-mail: info@park-side.com

Super 8 Motel-Brooks Street. Forty minutes from Snowbowl Ski Area. Closest motel in Missoula to Blue Mountain (5 miles) snowmobiling and to Lolo Pass (45 minutes) cross-country skiing. Toast and pastry bar, outside outlets. Many restaurants nearby. Airport shuttle. Winter packages available.

3901 S. Brooks, Missoula, MT 59801
800-800-8000 or 406-251-2255
Fax: 406-251-2989
E-mail: gm@super8mt.com
Web: www.super8mt.com

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Super 8 Motel-Reserve Street. Just 20 minutes from Snowbowl Ski Area. Toast and pastry bar, hot tub, outside outlets, elevator. Triple unit and suite with in-room jet tub available. McDonald's, 4B's, Joker's Wild restaurants within one block. Winter packages available.

4703 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT 59804
800-800-8000 or 406-549-1199
Fax: 406-549-0677
E-mail: gm@super8mt.com
Web: www.super8mt.com

NEIHART

Showdown Ski Area. The ski area offers lessons, rentals, day care and food service on the mountain. Call for our Lodging & Activity Guide. Great packages are available.

P.O Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465
800-433-0022 or 406-236-5522
Fax: 406-236-5523
Web: www.travelbase.com.
activities.skiing.showdown

RED LODGE

Best Western LuPine Inn. Located six blocks from historic downtown Red Lodge and six miles from Red Lodge Mountain. We offer many amenities to make your stay enjoyable, including indoor pool, spa, sauna, exercise equipment, game room with indoor playground, guest laundry, meeting room, kitchenettes, in-room spas and remote cable TV. Guest houses available. Owner-operated.

702 S. Hauser, P.O. Box 30
Red Lodge, MT 59068
1-888-567-1321 (direct reservations) or
406-446-1321, Fax: 406-446-1465
E-mail: bwlupine@wtp.net

Comfort Inn. The Comfort Inn of Red Lodge is conveniently located at the north end of Red Lodge, providing you easy access to downhill or cross-country skiing, and some unique shopping. Our hotel features a stone fireplace in the lobby, mountain oak furniture, indoor pool and hot tub and a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast each morning. The Comfort Inn of Red Lodge is the newest lodging facility in Red Lodge. Call for reservations or information.

612 North Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068
888-733-4661 or 406-446-4469
E-mail: 1stpic@wtp.net
Web: www.wtp.net/comfortinn

Pitcher Guest Houses. Old-fashioned ambiance—country-style lodging with homey atmosphere. Queen Anne four-bedroom, circa 1905; newer three-bedroom log townhouse. Both completely furnished: two baths, cable TV, laundry facilities, telephone, dishwasher, microwave, wood-burning stove and more. Two cozy one-bedroom, three-room log cabins with cable TV, telephone and kitchen. All houses within walking distance of Red Lodge's historic downtown.

Rt. 2, Box 3450, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-2859

The Pollard. Historic hotel in the heart of Red Lodge. Built in 1893, it offers a unique combination of turn-of-the-century character with all the modern conveniences. Only minutes away are downhill and cross-country skiing, shopping and

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2 North Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-0001 or 800-POLLARD
Fax: 406-446-0002
E-mail: pollard@pollardhotel.com
Web: www.pollardhotel.com

Red Lodge Central Reservations. We make it easy! With one call doing it all, we can make arrangements for discounted airfare, lodging, lift tickets, ski rentals, ski school—you name it! We specialize in custom-designed packages to suit your needs. Nobody knows Red Lodge like we do. Group packages also available.

Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068
800-444-8977 or 406-446-2610
Fax: 406-446-3604
E-mail: rlm@montana.net
Web: www.montana.net/rlmresort

Rock Creek Resort. Ten minutes from Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area. The resort combines comfortable lodging, Twin Elk Fine Collections and Old Piney Dell Restaurant to create the perfect ski holiday. Gracious accommodations, fine cuisine, indoor swimming, jacuzzi, sauna, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, mountain biking. Price range $88 to $285. Four miles south of Red Lodge on US 212.

HC 49, Box 3500, Red Lodge, MT 59068
1-800-667-1119 or 406-446-1111
Fax: 406-446-3688
E-mail: rcresort@wtp.net
Web: www.rcresort.com

Super 8 of Red Lodge. AAA 3-diamond. Large indoor pool; indoor and outdoor hot tubs; cable TV, including HBO; movie rentals; video games; meeting room with kitchen; guest laundry; continental breakfast; large family rooms; jacuzzi rooms; kitchenettes available; pets welcome; extensive RV parking. En route to Red Lodge Mountain.

1223 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068
1-800-813-8335 or 406-446-2288
Fax: 406-446-3162

Yodeler Motel. AAA high 2-diamond rating with large luxury rooms, outdoor hot tub, in-room steam baths or in-room jacuzzi tubs, remote color cable TV, data port phones and all with in-room coffee. Comfortable queen beds. Owner-operated with "sincere hospitality." Close to downtown and only 15 minutes from Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area.

601 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1435, Fax: 406-446-1020
E-mail: Yodeler@wtp.net
Web: www.wtp.net/yodeler

SEELEY LAKE

Double Arrow Resort. Nestled in the heart of the Seeley Swan Valley. Offers lodging, fine dining, golf, indoor pool/jacuzzi, access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, snowmobile rentals, cross-country skiing, dog sled rides, fabulous mountain views and breathtaking scenery. Whether you seek peace and quiet, a place for conferences and meetings or a place to play, we're here to meet your needs.

P.O. Box 747, Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-468-0777 or 406-677-2777
Fax: 406-677-2922
Web: www.doublearrowresort.com

The Emily A. Bed & Breakfast. Welcome home to a grand log lodge overlooking the Clearwater River and a private lake. The Emily has five guest rooms, a family suite and the original homestead cabin. Wake up rested to enjoy a fabulous breakfast served on grandmother's china, then explore our 160 acres. Rates from $95 to $150.

P.O. Box 350, Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-977-4639 or 406-677-3474
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E-mail: slk3340@montana.com
Web: www.theemilya.com

Tamaracks Resort. Located on the beautiful north end of Seeley Lake, we offer quiet, cozy housekeeping cabins, plus camping and RV sites. Snowmobile and ski right from your cabin to hundreds of miles of groomed trails in the winter, or enjoy mountain biking, canoe trips, boating, hiking, fishing or just sunning on the beach in the summer. Rentals available. Take the vacation you deserve.

P.O. Box 812, Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-477-7216 or 406-677-2433
E-mail: heagy@aol.com
Web: www.tamaracksresort.com

Wapiti Resort Elkhorn Motel & Cafe. The restored "Olde Town" (at the original townsite of Seeley Lake) brings to life the Old West. Unique food and beverage catering in the Golden Garter

Saloon. Private cabins with kitchenettes; motel rooms next to cafe. Snowmobile or cross-country ski from your door.

MT 83 N, Milepost 16, P.O. Box 565
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-867-5678 or 406-677-2775
Fax: 406-273-6378
E-mail: holtranch@marsweb.com
Web: www.wapitiresort.com

SULA

Broad Axe Lodge. Pristine and peaceful location only 17 miles from Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph cross-country ski areas. Spacious cabins have kitchens, queen beds and full baths. Restaurant and lounge open during dinner hours. The East Fork of the Bitterroot River flows along the property, and Bighorn sheep, elk and deer graze on the surrounding hillsides. Designated a Montana Wildlife Viewing Area. Ski and Stay discount available.

1237 East Fork Rd., Sula, MT 59871
406-821-3878

Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast. Nine miles north of Lost Trail Powder Mountain downhill and cross-country ski area. Good snowmobiling nearby. Ski and Stay packages include hearty Western breakfast, room or cabin with kitchen.

7674 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871
800-351-3508 or 406-821-3508
Fax: 406-821-3508

Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort. Ski the expanded Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph cross-country ski trails just six miles away. Explore miles of snowmobile trails. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast with your lodging in private cabins, motel and our new honeymoon cabin with private jacuzzi. Also lodging for large groups and economy ski hostel. Relax in a natural hot spring pool, hot tub and sauna. Our restaurant/lounge/casino offers a friendly setting. Multi-night discounts available. Credit cards accepted.

8321 US 93 South, Sula, MT 59871
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WEST YELLOWSTONE

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E-mail:BARNRANCH@www.wyellowstone.com
Web: www.wyellowstone.com/bar-n-ranch

Big Western Pine Motel. Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at The Big Western Pine. Enjoy our comfortable beds, phones, cable TV, hot tub/sauna and pool. Experience fine dining pleasure and relaxation at The Rustler's Roost Restaurant and Lounge. The Big Western Pine offers the best in snowmobile guide service and clothing rentals, snowcoach rides and dog sledding.

234 Firehole, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
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Fax: 406-646-9443

Brandin' Iron Inn. Your winter fun headquarters! 79 comfortable rooms with cable TV and refrigerator. Plenty of parking for your sled just outside. Snowmobile and snowcoach packages available. Easy access to cross-country trails and Big Sky for downhill skiing. Something for everyone in the family. Start your day with our complimentary continental breakfast and end it by relaxing in our hot tubs or just warming by the fire in our spacious lobby.

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E-mail: info@brandiniron.com
Web: www.brandiniron.com

City Center Motel. AAA-rated. Right in the center of town. Snowmobile rentals, gift shop, meeting room with deluxe kitchen, hot tub and big screen TV. Adjacent to two restaurants and lounge. Health club. Just three blocks from Yellowstone National Park West Entrance. Featuring Polaris snowmobiles. Major credit cards.

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West Yellowstone, MT 59758
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Web: www.wyellowstone.com/vacation

Fairfield Inn. New in 1998!! Beautiful three-story property located at the entrance to Yellowstone National Park. 77 comfortable guest rooms are decorated to the charm and character of Yellowstone Park. Some rooms are specialty suites with whirlpool tubs. Other features include an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, exercise room and continental breakfast. Restaurants and lounges nearby. The Fairfield Inn is located near cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

105 S Electric St., Box 1745
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-565-6803 or 406-646-4892
Fax: 406-646-4893

Kelly Inn. Beautiful new three-story property located at the entrance to Yellowstone National Park. 78 large, comfortable guest rooms are decorated to embody the charm and character of Yellowstone Park. Some rooms are specialty suites with whirlpool tubs. Other features include indoor swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, lobby fireplace and continental breakfast. Restaurants and lounges nearby. The Kelly Inn is located near cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

104 S Canyon St., Box 1482
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-259-4672 or 406-646-4544
Fax: 406-646-9838
E-mail: kellyinn@wyellowstone.com

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Stage Coach Inn. The best in West! When you stay at the Stage Coach Inn you'll be particularly pleased as you relax in the warmth of our Western character complete with service beyond your expectation. Soak in the hot tubs, feast on the consistently fine food of the Coachman Restaurant, review your day in the friendly Coachroom Lounge and consider today's memories and tomorrow's choices in the comfort of our spacious lobby. Snowmobile and snowcoach packages. Easy accesses to groomed cross-country and snowmobile trails.

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West Yellowstone, MT 59758
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E-mail: sci@yellowstoneinn.com
Web: www.yellowstoneinn.com

Three Bear Lodge. Rebuilding and renovation program has been completed. Great rooms, coupled with the well-known Three Bear Restaurant, Grizzly Lounge and a capable, friendly staff make Three Bear a natural. Complete facilities include two-room units, executive suites and rooms with king beds and jacuzzis, many no-smoking rooms, four heated whirlpools, outdoor heated pool and meeting/banquet facilities. Snowcoach, snowmobile and clothing rentals are headquartered here.

217 Yellowstone Ave.
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-406-646-7353, Fax: 406-646-4567
E-mail: threebearlodge@wyellowstone.com
Web: www.yellowstone-natl-park.com/3bear.htm

West Yellowstone Conference Hotel. A Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort. The area's most comfortable hotel is an oasis of hospitality, offering 123 rooms with mini-fridges and microwaves. King spa suites, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room. Complete conference facilities up to 540. Oregon Short Line Restaurant and Iron Horse Saloon featuring Western cuisine. 1903 Executive Railroad Car museum. Snowmobile and clothing rentals, featuring all current model-year machines equipped with handwarmers. Snowcoach tours through Yellowstone National Park. Packages available.

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West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-646-7365, Fax: 406-646-4433
E-mail: wyconferencehotel@wyellowstone.com
Web:www.yellowstone-natl-park.com/wych.htm

WHITEFISH

Alpinglow Inn. Just a snowball's throw from the lifts in the heart of The Big Mountain village. Our 54 rooms sleep up to 6 and complement our glass-enclosed restaurant, overlooking the beautiful Flathead Valley. Two outdoor hot tubs and two saunas are several of our amenities. Children 12 and under stay FREE (one per adult). Meal plans and ski packages available.

P.O. Box 1770, Whitefish, MT 59937
800-SKI-6760 or 406-862-6966
Fax: 406-862-0076
E-mail: info@alpinglow.com
Web: www.alpinglow.com

Anapurna Properties. Scattered around the base area of The Big Mountain, these 65 fully equipped condominiums are ski-in or ski-out accommodations for over 3500 acres of impeccable, impressive skiing. The units are spacious and have many amenities such as fireplaces, barbecues and color

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P.O. Box 55, Whitefish, MT 59937
800-243-7547 or 406-862-3687
Fax: 406-862-0586
E-mail: anapurna@anapurnaproperties.com
Web: www.anapurnaproperties.com

Bay Point *on the Lake.* Fully furnished condominiums with indoor pool and hot tubs. Ski packages and snowmobile packages available. Family and group rates. Conveniently situated on Whitefish Lake, between the resort town of Whitefish and The Big Mountain Ski Resort.

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Fax: 406-862-2331
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Web: www.baypte.com

Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge. New 79-room hotel, one mile south of Amtrak Depot in Whitefish and eight miles from The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Amenities include: complimentary continental breakfast, heated pool and spa, laundry, exercise room, data ports, shuttle service, suites with fireplace, wet bar and jacuzzi. 2,600 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space. Call us direct for excellent ski packages!

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800-862-2569 or 406-862-2569
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Web: www.montanaweb.com/rckymtn

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Fax: 406-862-1969
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Web: www.bigmtn.com

Chalet Motel. AAA rated. One mile south of rustic downtown Whitefish, just 8 miles from The Big Mountain. Queen beds, cable TV, large heated indoor pool and jacuzzi. Beautiful views of The Big Mountain from your room. Children under 12 stay free. Special ski rates! Denny's Restaurant open 24 hours on site. Shopping mall and ski shuttle across the street.

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Crestwood Resort Condominiums. Two-bedroom condominiums at the base of Big Mountain. Our 24 units have all you'll need for a carefree vacation including fireplaces, complete kitchens, telephones and in-unit laundry facilities. Hot tubs and health club discounts help soak away the effects of a hard day at play. Plenty of parking for snow machine equipment.

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Web: www.crestwoodresort.com

Duck Inn Lodge. A lovely cedar lodge on the river's edge. Ten beautiful rooms, all with fireplaces, large deep-soak tubs, cable TV, phones, queen beds and balconies. Redwood jacuzzi area. Continental breakfast included. Airport and Amtrak pickup. All-wheel-drive Ford cars and Explorers for rent at the Inn. Ask about our lodge and car packages.

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Whitefish, MT 59937
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406-862-3825 (information and reservations)
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Web: www.duckinn.com

Eagle's Roost Inn B&B. Tucked on a gentle hillside and nestled amidst towering pines, the inn offers a private and peaceful retreat conveniently located on the road to The Big Mountain. Be indulged with warm hospitality, thoughtful luxuries, and a lavish breakfast with antique china and crisp linens. Enjoy a welcoming fireplace, whirlpool bathtubs and heirloom antiques. Luxuriate in the outdoor hot tub under a canopy of pines. Walk to shops, galleries and restaurants. Ski/car rental discounts.

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DONNIE SEXTON

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Web: www.wtp.net/go/goodrx

Grouse Mountain Lodge. Full-service conference resort featuring restaurant, lounge with entertainment, pool, sauna, whirlpools and meeting facilities for up to 300 people. Located on a 15 km, full-service, cross-country ski area. Complimentary scheduled shuttle to and from The Big Mountain Ski Resort and to and from the airport and Amtrak.

2 Fairway Dr., Whitefish, MT 59937
800-321-8822 or 406-862-3000
Fax: 406-862-0326
E-mail: info@montanasfinest.com
Web: www.montanasfinest.com

Kandahar Lodge. A beautiful 50-room hotel located in the village area of The Big Mountain. Ski in and ski out of our rustic yet elegant lodge. Enjoy European-style dining in Cafe Kandahar and have your favorite beverage in the Snug bar or in the sunken lobby by the huge rock fireplace. New spa with sauna, jacuzzi and steam room. Conference room, board room, cable TV, phones, laundry, free village shuttle. Kids under 12 stay free.

P.O. Box 1659, Whitefish, MT 59937
800-862-6094 or 406-862-6098
Fax: 406-862-6095
E-mail: kandahar@vtown.com
Web: www.vtown.com/kandahar

Mountain Holiday Motel. One mile south of downtown Whitefish, just eight miles from The Big Mountain. Queen beds, remote cable TV, large indoor and outdoor pools, jacuzzi, sauna, guest laundry and hospitality room. Restaurants, theaters and shopping nearby. $35-$60. Excellent ski packages. Children under 12 stay free.

6595 US 93 South, Whitefish, MT 59937
800-543-8064 or 406-862-2548
Fax: 406-862-3103
Web: www.mountainholiday.com

North Forty Resort. Private log cabin lodging on 40 wooded acres. Located close to The Big Mountain on MT 40 between Whitefish and Columbia Falls. 22 cabins, sleep 1–8 guests. Full kitchens, dining areas, log furnishings, down comforters, gas fireplaces, barbecues and covered porches. Sheltered hot tubs, sauna, walking and cross-country ski trails, campfire area. Group meeting facility. Ample snowmobile parking.

P.O. Box 4250, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-7740 or 800-775-1740
Fax: 406-862-7741
Web: www.northforty.com

Quality Inn-Pine Lodge. Only eight miles from The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Classic 76-room motel offers something for everyone. Select a comfortable room or an elegant suite with private hot tub, fireplace and kitchenette. Complimentary continental breakfast. Heated indoor/outdoor pools and hot tub. Free airport and Amtrak shuttle. Big Mountain bus available. Ski packages available.

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800-305-7463 or 406-862-7600
Fax: 406-862-7616
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Whitefish Lake Lodge. Directly on the shores of Whitefish Lake, on the road to The Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort and just minutes from charming downtown Whitefish. Every one-, two- and three-bedroom condominium is professionally decorated with all the modern conveniences including gas fireplaces and private balconies. Views include fantastic sunsets, magnificent Montana mountains and pristine Whitefish Lake. For the finest winter vacation in Montana, come to Whitefish Lake Lodge, where a cozy fire and relaxing atmosphere are waiting for you.

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Whitefish, MT 59937
800-735-8869 or 406-862-2929
Fax: 406-862-3550
E-mail: wfll@wfll.com
Web: www.wfll.com

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

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1780 US 89 N
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
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Fax: 406-388-7529

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Web: www.redlinesports.com

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WINTER RECREATION SAFETY TIPS

HAZARDS & RISKS

It is impossible to keep recreationists informed on the status of millions of acres of forest and thousands of miles of trails. Snow conditions can change dramatically from day to day, even hour to hour. Be on the lookout for rocks, stumps and fallen trees. Other potential hazards include caves and overlooks, abandoned mining tunnels and shafts, decaying structures and equipment, contaminated water, changing weather conditions, landslides and avalanches, exhaustion and hypothermia.

WINTER WEATHER

The winter recreation season generally extends from late November through March, with snow conditions improving as the season progresses. Temperatures can range from 50 degrees above zero to 50 below, but averages generally run from 20 to 35 degrees above zero, with mostly sunny skies. Storms can develop quickly and you should be prepared for them:

- Be in good physical condition when you set out.
- Check the forecast before you leave.
- Pack enough extra clothing, food and gear for a possible overnight.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you intend to return.
- Travel in groups of at least three; if snowmobiling, have two machines.
- Turn back if the weather looks bad.

WINDCHILL

Wind can be a deadly enemy because of its cooling effect on already cold temperatures. The windchill chart illustrates the effect of wind and temperature on a dry, properly clothed person. If clothing is wet from perspiration or precipitation, the effect is even greater.

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is a loss of body temperature caused by exposure to cold and aggravated by moisture, wind and exhaustion. If steps are not taken to raise the victim's body temperature, mental and physical collapse will result. Watch for these symptoms:

- Uncontrollable fits of shivering
- Vague, slow, slurred speech
- Memory lapses, incoherence
- Immobile, fumbling hands
- Frequent stumbling
- Drowsiness, exhaustion

To avoid hypothermia, stay dry. Insulate your body against cold, wet weather by wearing wool or fleece pile and waterproof clothing, including a knit cap. Dress warmly before you start shivering. If your clothing doesn't keep you warm, get out of the cold. If you can't get out, build a fire and make camp while you still have energy. Don't wait until you're exhausted.

To treat hypothermia, shelter the victim and remove all wet clothing. Get the victim into warm, dry clothes, a warm, dry sleeping bag and try to feed the victim warm liquids. Keep the victim awake. If he or she becomes sick or unconscious, seek medical attention immediately.

WINDCHILL CHART

Wind Speed	Temperature (F)											
0	40	30	20	10	5	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
	Equivalent Chill Temperature											
5	35	25	15	5	0	-5	-15	-25	-35	-45	-55	-70
10	30	15	5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-60	-70	-80	-95
15	25	10	-5	-20	-25	-30	-45	-60	-70	-85	-100	-110
20	20	5	-10	-25	-30	-35	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-120
25	15	0	-15	-30	-35	-45	-60	-75	-90	-105	-120	-135
30	10	0	-20	-30	-40	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-125	-140
35	10	-5	-20	-35	-40	-50	-65	-80	-100	-115	-130	-145
40	10	-5	-20	-35	-45	-55	-70	-85	-100	-115	-130	-150

Danger

Increased Danger (Skin may freeze within 1 minute)

Great Danger (Skin may freeze within 30 seconds)

AVALANCHE

Avalanche is a real and present danger. Carry and know how to use avalanche equipment, including transceivers, probe poles and shovels. A wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to understand avalanche conditions and reroute your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. They are triggered by a variety of slope, snow and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountainous terrain after heavy snowfall or prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridgetops and on the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

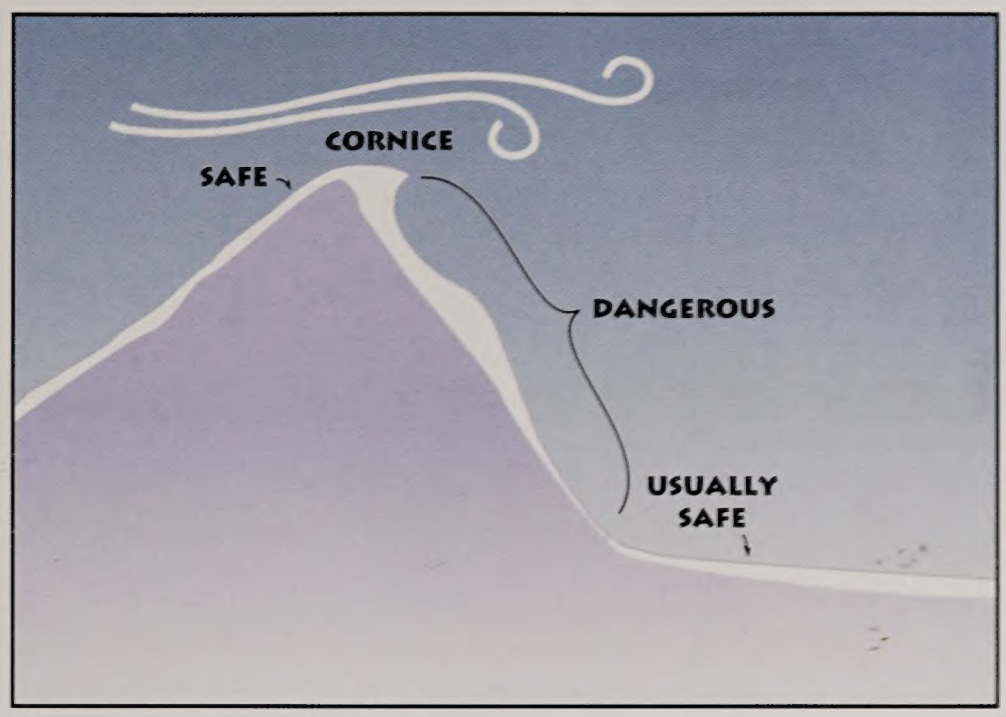
IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE:

- Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- If snowmobiling, discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.
- As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand, other part of your body or ski pole above the surface.
- Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- Try not to panic; you need to conserve oxygen.

IF YOU ARE A SURVIVOR, YOU ARE A VICTIM'S BEST HOPE OF SURVIVAL.

- Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he or she is trapped.
- Search for the victim directly down-slope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving.
- Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
- If the victim is found, treat for hypothermia, suffocation and shock.

Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avalanche conditions are available at local forest service offices.



AVALANCHE ADVISORY

Northwest Montana: 406-257-8402 or 800-526-5329 (in MT)

Southwest Montana: (Gallatin FS Avalanche Center) 406-587-6981
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West Central Montana: (Missoula Regional Avalanche Advisory) 406-549-4488 or 800-281-1030 (in MT)

Cooke City: 406-838-2341

West Yellowstone: 406-646-7912

National Avalanche Center:
Web: csac.org/Bulletins/
Web: avalanche.org/

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Winter recreationists are responsible for their own personal safety.

- Snowmobilers must know how to operate their machines and should always drive safely and courteously.
- Snowmobilers should operate machines at safe speeds and be prepared to stop within half the distance they can see when driving.
- Skiers and snowboarders should always stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Drinking doesn't mix with snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding or any other outdoor winter activity requiring clear judgment.
- Snowmobilers, skiers and snowboarders must yield to those who are moving slower.
- It is recommended that snowmobilers take avalanche awareness and search-and-rescue field courses.

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TRAVEL ADVICE FROM MONTANA'S SNOWPLOW DRIVERS.

Montana keeps highways open throughout the winter, but travelers face tough conditions at times. Montana's snowplow drivers offer this advice:

VISIBILITY

See and be seen. Keep your headlights and tail lights clean, especially in stormy weather. Keep windows clean and make sure defrosters work well. If snow has built up on your vehicle overnight or after a break from driving, clear it away so it doesn't blow off and obscure your windows.

COMMON SENSE

Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those around you. Drive defensively. Don't assume the other vehicle can or will stop at intersections. Test the road. Don't wait until you have to stop to test your traction. Watch for a safe place and then gently test your brakes. If road conditions seem to have changed, look for a safe place and test braking again.

PATIENCE

Give yourself extra time to travel in winter. Being in a hurry in a storm or on icy roads is sure to get you in trouble. Passing when you can't see ahead and driving too fast for road conditions cause serious accidents in Montana each year.

Finally, leave the **cruise control off** for winter driving. It can accelerate your vehicle just as you hit a patch of ice or a slippery bridge deck.

Always be prepared with road and weather information before you set out on your way. Call **800-226-ROAD (7623)** from the US or Canada for current Montana road and weather conditions.

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